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Third-graders double their love for twins

REMEMBER the third-graders at Prospect Sierra School in El Cerrito who adopted a class of preschoolers at the Center for the Education of the Infant Deaf in Berkeley and raised thousands of dollars to pay the tuition for one of the triplets, a 2-year-old names Anna? Well, let me tell you that the other third-grade class at Prospect Sierra has been up to something since September. It adopted a special-ed kindergarten class at Castro Elementary School in El Cerrito. Some of these little ones have serious disabilities, such as autism or Down's syndrome, others have less severe problems.

Among them is a pair of identical twins named Veronica and Vanessa. It would be almost impossible to tell them apart, except Veronica likes to wear pink while Vanessa prefers orange. "They always do things together," said third-grader Maya Arraga. "If Veronica wants to go to the bathroom, Vanessa does, too."

"One time, Vanessa dropped her ice cream, so Veronica rewore hers down, too," said May Wilson.

Throughout the school year, the third graders visited their twin friends every week, giving them friendship, encouragement and patience.

"We try to get them involved in activities as much as we can," said Gaby Anson. "We encourage them to do things themselves, instead of doing it for them, because when they're older we won't be here."

"When they play with toys, instead of us cleaning up, we tell them, 'It's time to clean up,'" said Nora Sheeder. "We'll help them, but they have to do it, too."

"And when we're having fun, if they want something they have to ask for it in a full sentence, like 'I want a Goldfish,' I want a Graham cracker,'" said Kassina Kim-Hayes.

Then, on April 25, a fire of mysterious origins gutted the library at Castro Elementary. overnight, 7,000 books went up in smoke. All that was left was a book about castles; two arched, water-soaked copies of "Crystal & Gem," and a bust of Martin Luther King.

It was an especially devastating loss for a poor school. As one parent told my colleague, Shirley Dang, "We don't have music. We don't have sports. I have no library."

When the third-graders at Prospect Sierra heard the news, they immediately started brainstorming about what they could do to help.

"We thought about holding a bake sale or a car wash, but we didn't think we could get one organized in time. We only had a few weeks left of school," said Eva Drexler.

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City puts parcel tax plans in motion

■ 74 percent of Albany residents would be in favor of a tax measure to fund capital improvements, according to recent poll

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

The Albany City Council has taken a step forward in placing a parcel tax on the November 2005 or June 2006 ballots, following a recent survey showing that three quarters of residents

would definitely or probably vote in favor of the tax.

After being asked a set of questions presenting both positive and negative arguments about the measure, 74 percent would definitely or probably vote in favor of it, according to the poll.

Mayor Robert Good said city staff is recommending the ballot measure. The council agreed to move forward on the proposal at Tuesday's meeting, and plans to hold a public workshop at 7 p.m. on July 18 to look at how it would allocate funds. The work-

shop, which will precede the regular council meeting, will include a staff presentation and opportunity for public comment.

"We do need a ballot measure to fund capital needs," he said, prior to the meeting.

For \$16,700, the city hired research firm Godbe Research to conduct the survey. Godbe conducted the survey the week of June 1 and sampled 300 likely voters.

The poll asked which issues would more likely increase support for a ballot measure.

Eighty-four percent of re-

spondents chose an expansion of the number of hours per week the library is open; or a maintenance or expansion of youth programs.

Seventy-nine percent chose a maintenance and expansion of city park and recreation programs. Seventy-seven percent chose a major rehabilitation of deteriorated city streets.

The survey also asked which arguments would persuade them to vote in favor or against a tax measure.

Sixty-seven percent of respondents would be much more

or somewhat more apt to vote in favor of the measure if told it would ensure that funds are spent within Albany and without state interference; or if it would help restore money the state has taken away since 1991.

Sixty-five percent liked the argument that the measure would help to attract and retain quality police and firefighters, while 63 percent were more apt to support the measure if told that public facilities would become unsafe and

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FREEDOM OF CHOICE



LUCIA JONES, 6, of El Cerrito contemplates her hair-tie purchase from vendors Janice Denlis, left, and Latina Vigil Denlis during Fourth of July festivities at Cerrito Vista Park in El Cerrito on Monday. The event also included the World One Festival and offered live music and food.

SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

Forum gives achiever a glance at the future

By Chris Treadway

STAFF WRITER

Coming off a school year that would make anyone envious, Eloycsia Ratliff has a lot to look forward to for her senior year at El Cerrito High School.

Not only did she finish her junior year with a 4.3 grade point average, she was also voted the most valuable player on the Gauchos girls track team.

But Ratliff is looking beyond her senior year. The Richmond resident, who hopes to become a pediatrician, is one of 350 high school students nationwide selected to take part in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine, which is taking place in San Francisco from July 3-12.

Eloycsia Ratliff may very well be the face of the future of medicine," said a news release from Donna Snyder, NYLF executive director.

Participants, who have to be nominated for the opportunity, were selected based on academic

excellence, leadership potential, and an interest in a career in medicine.

Ratliff said she will get the chance to "work hands-on with doctors in a hospital in San Francisco for 10 days."

According to forum organizers, participants will be introduced to "a variety of concepts in public health, medical ethics, research and general practice." The forum includes site visits to medical facilities and clinics. The immersion will provide a behind-the-scenes perspective to those considering a medical career.

Participants will also get a chance to meet and interact with medical professionals, including surgeons, researchers, physicians and medical educators.

Ratliff said her goal after high school is to "get accepted into a good four-year university and pursue my dream of being a pediatrician — and maybe continue competing in track."

As for what school she wants

to attend, "Right now I'm thinking about UCLA and UC Santa Barbara, Clark and Xavier," she said.

She has already received some interest from schools seeking to recruit her for their track programs.

She said her ambition of being a pediatrician started at an early age, in large part because of a close relationship she has maintained with her own pediatrician.

Asked whether she has the stomach for the medical field, she said, "I think I can handle it."

Ratliff attended Harding Elementary and Portola Middle schools in El Cerrito before entering El Cerrito High.

As a runner on the Gauchos track team, she competes in 100-, 200- and 400-meter events, as well as relays.

When she's not running or studying, she said she likes to hang out with her friends and family.

"She's an excellent artist, I might add," said her mother, Barbara Ratliff, a 34-year teacher in the Oakland public schools, noting that her daughter has done drawings, as well as portraits and paintings.

Eloycsia Ratliff is also active at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church in Richmond, including participating in choir.

The 13-year-old nonprofit National Youth Leadership Forum has provided some 50,000 high-achieving high school and university students with the chance to gain close-up experience in specific prospective career fields. Forums are held for such fields as law, medicine, technology and nursing, giving students the chance to shadow and interact with professionals.

To learn more about the forum, visit nylf.org.



Ratliff

McKissock honored for habitat restoration

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — About 10 years ago, resident Jim McKissock asked the city whether he could take care of a swampy, weedy patch along the Ohlone Greenway.

McKissock complained that the city, in its effort to remove weeds that could create a fire hazard, was also wiping out habitat for the Pacific chorus tree frog, a green amphibian that grows to about the size of a quarter.

The city agreed to let McKissock take care of it.

Later, McKissock offered to take care of a dead pond in a city park. The pond is now teeming with life, including dragonflies and frogs, said city maintenance manager Bruce King.

"He's one of those people that puts in a lot of time," King said, "and probably doesn't get a lot of recognition for it."

Kathryn Lee, the service learning coordinator at Prospect Sierra Elementary School, helped recognize McKissock at a ceremony held at the park recently.

McKissock enlisted a number of students from the school to help him with his effort at the park, and the school worked the experience into the curriculum, Lee said. They helped plant vegetation and made brochures for the park to instruct people about the animals living there.

"This is his calling, his spiritual work," Lee said. "And the rest of us benefit from his devotion."

McKissock, 61, grew up in the Richmond Annex, graduated from El Cerrito High School, and has lived in El Cerrito on and off for 35 years.

His devotion to nature stems from seeing development take over natural settings in the area.

His work has resulted in a thriving frog habitat in that patch along the Ohlone Greenway and a transformation at the park. McKissock doesn't want to name the park for fear of vandalism.

At the park, the pond was an empty cement bowl full of mosquitoes prior to his involvement, he said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

Soccer coach will return to court July 20

OAKLAND — An Alameda County judge on Wednesday appointed the public defender's office to represent a youth soccer coach charged in connection with an attack on a referee in November in Albany.

Mauricio Alvarez, 34, of Richmond has already pleaded not guilty to the two misdemeanor charges.

The case has been delayed repeatedly as Alvarez sought to obtain counsel. Earlier this year, the public defender's office said he was financially ineligible for their services. He had earlier parted ways with a private defense attorney and has told the judge that he has been unable to retain another.

Alvarez is accused of punching and kicking referee Bruce Greenlee in a dispute over player credentials during a Nov. 20 match in Albany's Memorial Park. The alleged attack occurred during halftime at an Alameda-Contra Costa Youth Soccer League end-of-season tournament match of 8- and 9-year-olds.

In court Wednesday, Judge Carol Brosnahan reviewed a financial declaration prepared by Alvarez and decided that he will be represented by the public defender's office, which once again Wednesday resisted, unsuccessfully, being assigned to the case.

Alvarez is due to return to court on July 20, when the case could be resolved, set for trial or delayed again. He declined to comment outside of court Wednesday.

— Ivan Delventhal

Residents can view waterfront poll

Residents can see a poll showing 60 percent opposition to a waterfront mall at Albany City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Ave.

The poll, conducted by Oakland-based research firm Evans/McDonough, also shows that 72 percent of residents think the city is heading in the right direction and 24 percent believe school issues are the main problem facing the city.

Anonymous Solano Avenue business owners paid for the poll. For more information, call the city clerk at 510-528-5720.

— Alan Lopez

El Cerrito**Book on city to be published this summer**

Arcadia Publishing is planning to release the book "Images of America: El Cerrito" in the late summer, said Tom Panas, the new president of the city historical society.

"We think the book will be very popular," wrote Panas in the most recent historical society newsletter. "It is 128 pages long and is packed with interesting pictures and captions that depict our town."

The historical society named 54-year-old Panas president after Art Schroeder stepped down in April.

"(Panas) is young, energetic and very interested in doing historical things for the society," said member Verne Odlin.

The society will hold its next meeting at noon July 16 at Hubert Park at Sea View and Terrace drives. Residents are invited to bring a hot dish, salad or dessert. For more information, call Odlin at 510-525-1730.

— Alan Lopez

Kensington**Events ordinance available for review**

The June draft of the county's proposed events law is available online at www.aboutkensington.com. Click on "government" and then "Kensington Municipal Advisory Council" to access it.

If approved by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, the ordinance would allow annually two events with up to 200 people and one event with up to 300 people at a backyard amphitheater on Coventry Road in Kensington.

The advisory committee is asking the county to reduce the number of annual events to two and reduce the number of people who can attend, including staff, to 125.

That letter, plus advisory meeting minutes dating back to January 2002, are also available online.

The county's planning commission will consider the draft ordinance for a recommendation to the board of supervisors at 7 p.m. Tuesday, at 651 Pine St., Room 107 in Martinez. Call 510-925-335-1210.

— Alan Lopez

Fix Our Ferals fund-raiser set for July 16

Fix Our Ferals will hold a "Fund Our Ferals" fund-raiser on July 16 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Kensington, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. The fund-raiser will include a silent auction, food and wine. Admission is \$35 and includes refreshments.

Auction items will include a Mark Bulwinkle Sculpture and other art, weekend getaways, and dinners for two. Entertainment will include classical pianist Katherine Buss and jazz pianist Debbie Poryers. Former Berkeley mayor Shirley Dean is also scheduled to speak.

— Craig Lazeretti

Berkeley**Humane society dog walk set for July 17**

The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society will hold its eighth annual Bay to Barkers Dog Walk and Festival on July 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cesar Chavez Park at the Berkeley Marina, 11 Spinner Way (north of the west end of University Avenue).

The event brings together hundreds of dog lovers for a 1.3-mile bayside stroll, fun activities for canines, and informative demonstrations and exhibits. Proceeds from the event benefit the abandoned dogs and cats sheltered at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society.

Participants in the dog walk pay a \$25 pre-registration fee (\$30 on the day of the event), and are asked to gather as many pledges as possible from friends, neighbors and colleagues. Prizes are available.

For information about volunteering, registration, or becoming a sponsor of Bay to Barkers, call the Humane Society at 510-845-7735, ext. 13, or visit the humane society's Web site at www.berkeleyhumane.org.

— Craig Lazeretti



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EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS**Tuesday, June 21**

■ **DRUG ARREST** — A 42-year-old Berkeley man was arrested for possession of a glass pipe with methamphetamine in it and syringes after being stopped while riding his bicycle around 12:42 a.m. at San Luis Street and Central Avenue. The rider also had an arrest warrant from Albany.

the 900 block of Avis Drive at 2:30 a.m. for possession of several items that had been stolen from a neighbor's house on June 15. Several items from the burglary were recovered.

Wednesday, June 22

■ **FORGERY ARREST** — At 11 a.m., a 38-year-old woman was arrested on charges of forgery, passing counterfeit checks and burglary. These charges were from a March 30 incident in which she allegedly passed a counterfeit check at the California Check Cashing store located on San Pablo Avenue.

■ **THEFT ARREST** — A 46-year-old San Pablo man was arrested on suspicion of stealing two barbecue and a teak patio table and chairs from a demolition site at El Cerrito High School at 10 a.m. on June 20. All of the stolen items were recovered and returned to the school.

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — Shortly after 5 p.m., a 50-year-old Richmond resident was arrested for shoplifting at the Target store on the 11000 block of San Pablo Avenue. She was booked on charges of theft with priors when it was learned she had numerous previous convictions for theft.

■ **BURGLARY ARREST** — A 19-year-old El Cerrito resident was arrested on

Sunday, June 26

■ **SUSPENDED LICENSE/DRUG ARREST** — At 8:35 a.m., a 38-year-old Richmond resident was found to be driving with a suspended license and in possession of a small amount of methamphetamine at Waldo Avenue and Liberty Street.

Monday, June 27

■ **COUNTERFEIT CHECK** — At 7:50 a.m., an officer at the Target store on the 11000 block of San Pablo Avenue was taking a report of a juvenile shoplifter in custody when advised that a person was in the electronics department passing a counterfeit traveler's check. The officer confirmed that the \$500 traveler's check was counterfeit and arrested a 52-year-old Oakland resident. He was also found to be on felony probation from Alameda County.

■ **BICYCLE THEFT** — At 10:30 p.m., a 21-year-old employee of Copeland's Sports store was arrested for stealing a bicycle from the store. He was booked for embezzlement/grand theft.

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — An unknown suspect pried a door lock on a vehicle on the 3300 block of Santa Clara Avenue sometime between 11 p.m. on June 27 and 9 a.m. the next day and stole property.

■ **BURGLARY** — Jewelry was stolen from a home on the 7200 block of Cut-

Tuesday, June 28

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — An unknown suspect broke the right front passenger window of a vehicle on the 6300 block of Portero Avenue around 7 p.m. and stole a purse left on the seat.

■ **SILVERADO RECOVERED** — At 8:40 p.m., an officer located a 2003 Chevrolet Silverado reported stolen in Fremont on June 24.

Wednesday, June 29

■ **COUNTERFEIT CHECK** — An 18-year-old Richmond resident was arrested at her apartment on the 700 block of Carlson Boulevard for passing a counterfeit check at the El Cerrito branch of the Wells Fargo Bank on April 18. She had fled the car, leaving the check and her ID behind.

■ **BURGLARY** — Computer equipment and a television were stolen from a home on the 5900 block of Central Avenue after suspects kicked in the door sometime between 9 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

Thursday, June 30

■ **ROBBERY** — A male suspect wearing a ski mask and a gray T-shirt robbed a business on the 11000 block of San Pablo Avenue at gunpoint around 1 p.m. and demanded money. After the first victim was locked in a back room, a second employee was again confronted with the gun and an undisclosed amount of money was handed over. The suspect fled on foot.

■ **BURGLARY** — Jewelry was stolen from a home on the 7200 block of Cut-

ting Boulevard around 12:30 p.m., two males forced open a front window. The suspects fled in a red compact with a partial license plate number.

■ **CAMRY STOLEN** — An unknown suspect stole a 1989 Toyota Camry on the 2600 block of Tamalpais Avenue sometime between 8:30 p.m. on June 30 and 12:40 a.m. on July 1.

Saturday, July 2

■ **TERCEL RECOVERED** — Officers located a 1983 Toyota Tercel on El Dorado Avenue at San Pablo Avenue that had been reported stolen to the El Cerrito Police on April 22.

■ **TRUCK RECOVERED** — An officer located a stolen Toyota truck at Sunnyside Avenue and Carlson Boulevard that had been reported stolen to the California Highway Patrol on June 20.

■ **CIVIC RECOVERED** — An officer located a 1991 Honda Civic on San Pablo Avenue that had been reported stolen to the Richmond Police on May 15.

Monday, July 4

■ **ROBBERY** — A male suspect wearing a mid-20s jumped the counter of a business on the 7000 block of Stockton Avenue around 11:30 p.m., pushing the register when it was opened by a male clerk, then fled on foot.

■ **BURGLARY** — Jewelry was stolen from a home on the 7200 block of Cut-

ting Boulevard around 12:30 p.m., hit and run.

Monday, July 4

■ **DUI** — At about 2 a.m., officers stopped a silver Honda Pilot near El Dorado and San Pablo Avenues for reckless driving. The driver, a 70-year-old Berkeley man, was found to have an outstanding Albany warrant for DUI, two outstanding Berkeley warrants for possession of a loaded weapon accessible to a child and a no ball warrant.

■ **VANDALS HIT AGAIN** — A resident on the 600 block of Cornell Avenue reported that during the night someone put dirt on her vehicles, plants on her lawn and feces on the porch. She had reported a similar incident on June 18.

■ **ANOTHER TREE STOLEN** — A resident on the 1200 block of Franklin Street reported that someone stole a maple tree from a pot in their front yard.

■ **BURGLARY ARREST** — Officers responded to 555 Pierce Street on reports of a man causing a disturbance and acting suspiciously around the building. They arrested a 26-year-old Oakland man for burglary and possession of burglary tools.

■ **BIKE THIEF** — A resident on the 1000 block of Carmel Avenue reported a black teen, with black hair and wearing a tan jacket, had just stolen a yellow bike from his yard. The teen was seen riding south on Carmel Avenue and turning right onto Solano Avenue.

■ **TOYOTA LOCATED** — Pinole police located a blue 1986 Toyota pickup that had been reported as stolen from Albany. The truck was not damaged, and they did not have any custody. The owner was notified.

— Kristin

Sunday, July 3

■ **VALANDISM** — Someone smashed the window of a silver 2001 Honda parked on the 1300 block of Marin Avenue.

■ **DUI, HIT & RUN** — Officers arrested a 23-year-old Berkeley woman on the

SENIOR CALENDAR**Albany**

Albany Senior Center — 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 846 Masonic Ave. Health insurance counseling by HICAP 1-3 p.m. Monday. 510-524-9122.

El Cerrito

Christ Lutheran Senior Center — 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays, 780 Ashbury Ave. Conversational German and Spanish, current events. On Tuesday, 510-215-4340.

Charles Fitch will show slides. 510-524-1050.

St. John's Senior Center — 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, 6500 Gladys Ave. Tuesday, gerontologist Judy Kuhn speak: Who do you ask when you don't know what to ask? 510-237-

The Open House — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. days, 6500 Stockton Ave. Senior excursions; hiking; kayaking; art class; Mind Works and weekly cash bingo.

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Staying sharp is easy as getting in the habit

Q: DON'T LOSE YOUR MIND? I'm afraid it's too late! Seriously, I do feel myself slipping, and I'm not nearly as sharp as I used to be. Will I ever be able to get it back?

A: It's never too late! At least for people who can write a humorous letter and realize that they are slipping. If you were in serious situation, you would be likely to realize it. As I always tell people who have the same concerns as you do — get that rain active!

Start working on the basics. Start with your awareness. How well do you know what things are around you? Can you imagine the items in specific areas of our kitchen while you are sitting elsewhere in your home? Consider a number of places in our house and visualize them as much detail as you can. Be sure to check them out to see how accurate you were. If you are not very precise, work on serving them and try this exercise again later.

Other observation techniques include sensory observation of objects with which you come in contact. The next time you start writing a note, a list or anything, observe your pen or pencil. How does it look? Check the color, shape, length, special parts such as an eraser or clip, the tip and anything else you may notice. How does it feel? Is smooth, rough, ridged, etc.? Put it on the table. Does it make a sound? Does it have an odor? Or a taste, if it's your personal property and clean? Make examinations a habit. It becomes a very easy and quick technique for almost any object.

Remember: the more aware we are, the better our mental fitness and memory will be.

Communication is the next most important component of mental fitness. Just what is communication? One portion is putting forth information, and the other is accepting such information. In simpler words —



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Don't Lose Your Mind

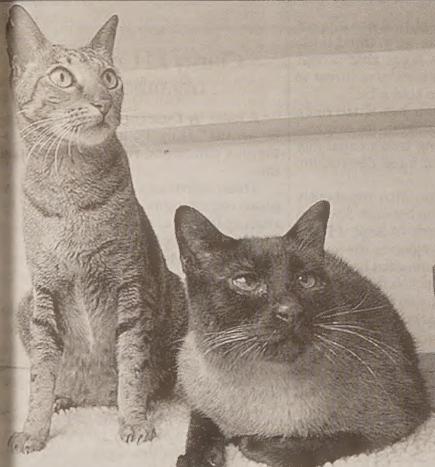
talking and listening, or writing and reading. Most important for you is to be an extremely good listener. A way to test yourself is to work with a close friend using the exercise that I have promoted a few times before. For example, your friend makes a statement, then you repeat it exactly and add another statement of your own. Your friend then repeats both of them and adds another. This goes on until one of you cannot remember all the things that have been said. At that point, you can begin again, or save the exercise for another day.

Other types of communication involve body language and eye contact. The next time you are among other people, such as in a store or on a walk, make a list of the interactions you observe, especially those that do not involve speech. Were they positive, negative or perhaps some other classification? Such observations are particularly helpful for your mental awareness as well as communication.

If you keep busy with problem solving of some type, as well as working on your awareness and communication skills, I believe you will "find" your mind again — not that I believe you lost it in the first place.

E-mail inquiries for Kensington resident Connie Lynch to conniemw@aol.com or call 510-466-5833. Lynch, Ph.D., is the founder of Mind Works, a mental fitness program designed for older adults and is the author of *Don't Lose Your Mind, Four Components of Superior Mental Fitness* (Bridge Learning Systems, 2000).

ET OF THE WEEK



BERKELEY EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

SAM AND SHILO are the pets of the week, and may be available for adoption at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society. Sam is an 8-year-old seal point Siamese. He is gentle, loves to be held, and will sit on your shoulder. He can be a talker, and will let you know when he's hungry or wants attention, but is otherwise fairly quiet. Sam's best friend is Shilo — a 7-year-old Oriental Exotic brown tabby. Shilo is a lap cat who loves having people around. He is a talker and will let you know when he wants attention. Sam and Shilo enjoy taking naps together. If you would like to meet animals available for adoption, stop by the Humane Society during business hours.

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society.

Dogs: 6-month-old female Aussie mix blue merle; 1-year-old male Terrier/Lab mix black; 2-year-old male Chihuahua mix tan; 1-month-old male Pitbull/Lab mix; 2-year-old female Poodle mix white; 6-month-old male Shepherd mix white & brown.

Cats: 4-year-old female DSH own and white tabby; 5-year-old male DSH tortoiseshell; 5-year-old female DSH dilute tortoiseshell; 1-year-old female DSH own tabby; 1-year-old female MH white; 4-year-old female LH tortoiseshell; 8-year-old female DSH tortoiseshell; 1-year-old male DSH black; 3-year-old female DSH tortoiseshell; 10-month-old male DSH black; 8-year-old male Aussie mix seal point; 7-year-old male Siamese mix brown tabby; 1-year-old female DSH dilute tortoiseshell; kittens of various ages and colors.

(DLH: Domestic long hair; MH: domestic medium hair; SH: domestic short hair.)

Adoption fee: dogs \$125; cats \$50; rabbits \$40 — including

Neighbors

FACES & PLACES

Student council spreads good will

The student council at Madera Elementary School in El Cerrito, which was under the supervision of third-grade teacher Laura Schooley, had a busy and productive year. The council promotes leadership and school spirit through service projects, writes Janet Palmer Johnson, a first-grade teacher at Madera.

Students on the council raised \$1,000 in donations that went to the Red Cross to assist tsunami victims. During the holidays they raised \$750 for a family of five they adopted. They also created a butterfly-themed tablecloth that was put up for bid at the school auction to raise money for Madera programs.

But students' efforts went beyond fund-raising. Students on the council became noontime reading mentors twice a week, assisting students in lower grades who were trying to meet their goal for the Thousand Page Club. They also became the Beautification Committee, decorating the entryway of the newly renovated school and doing plantings around the outside.

And they still had time for fun stuff, sponsoring Twin Day, Sports Day, Heritage Day, Crazy Hat/Hair Day and Tropical Day.

— Chris Treadaway

The Albany Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for Albany Citizen and Youth of the Year. These awards are based upon community service performed in Albany during 2005. Adults must live in Albany, and young people should have attended Albany High or Middle School during the 2004-2005 school year.

Nominations should include the name of the individual, their address and phone number, and a thorough description of the community services performed. Nominations should not come from relatives. Send nominations to the Albany Chamber of Commerce, 1108 Solano Ave., Albany or via e-mail at albanychamber@bigplanet.com.

— Craig Lazzaretti

All students who are interested in trying out for the El Cerrito High School Flag and Banner Squad should make plans to come to the ECHS band room on Aug. 10 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Aug. 11 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Aug. 12 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (with a lunch-time break)

— Craig Lazzaretti

The path of Cerro Creek meanders past a considerable amount of local history. The creek, which today marks the boundary between El Cerrito and Albany, formerly marked the boundary between the Peralta and Castro ranchos during the



THE SAN FRANCISCO SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL will hold Bay Area Shakespeare camps for 7- to 13-year-olds from July 25-Aug. 5 and Aug. 8-19 at John Hinkel Park, located at the intersection of Southampton Place and Arlington Avenue in Berkeley. A camp for ages 12-18 will be held July 11-22. Each camp session runs Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with optional aftercare available until 5:30 p.m. The camp is \$395, or \$520 with aftercare. Scholarships are also available for students with financial need — no camper is turned away because of lack of funds. To enroll or for more information call 800-978-PLAY. Applications and photos from past sessions are also available online at www.sfsfshakes.org.

days of Spanish settlement.

Interested walkers can learn about that the creek's significance in the days before European settlement, and current developments at a history walk being jointly held by the Friends of Five Creeks and the Berkeley Path Wanderers Association at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Susan Schwartz, who heads Friends of Five Creeks, said the walk will start at El Cerrito Plaza (meet at the north end of Cornell Street), where the creek bank is newly restored and a trail alongside it is freshly surfaced with an innovative surface that uses recycled glass.

Walkers will learn about the area's history as well as past, present and future restoration efforts and issues as they make their way to the west side of Albany Hill, where clearing for a fire road has created a "poison oak-free trail," Schwartz said.

If all goes as scheduled, walkers will be back at the plaza before the farmers market closes, she added.

For details contact Schwartz at 510-848-9358 or f5creeks@aol.com.

— Chris Treadaway

NAMI-East Bay will hold its next monthly family support group on Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at the Albany Methodist Church, 980 Stannage Ave., at the corner of Marin Ave. Support meetings are free and offer family members a chance to talk with others who have a mentally ill relative in order to share information and get emotional support.

For more information, call 510-524-1250.

— Craig Lazzaretti

An El Cerrito High School

Site Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday at 6 p.m. The two major topics are the possible "beautification" of the transitional campus and the proposed changes to the new theater to be built as part of the new school. Those who would like to attend should contact Mike O'Connor at newechs@earthlink.net.

— Craig Lazzaretti

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THE JOURNAL

... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.

— Thomas Jefferson

The waterfront decision will affect generations

By Robert Lieber
GUEST COMMENTARY

RECENTLY, I PRESENTED my Albany City Council colleagues with the findings of a public opinion poll. The poll found strong opposition to a waterfront mall, with 60 percent of Albany voters opposed (45 percent strongly opposed) and about half as many in favor (32 percent).

While the poll was comprehensive in scope, its results were not especially surprising. The editorial in the July 1 issue of The Journal repeated claims made at the June 20 council meeting about the validity of the poll results. Here are the facts. The poll was conducted by Evans/McDonough Company (EMC), a well-respected opinion research firm with offices in Oakland, Seattle, New York and Washington.

EMC has conducted thousands of surveys over the past 15 years. EMC's capabilities are reflected in its range of corporate, political and institutional clients, including Safeway, Home Depot, city of Richmond, Alameda County, Contra Costa Transportation Authority, San Francisco Bay Area Water Transit Authority, Santa Clara County and San Jose. Why would EMC risk its reputation by manipulating the wording of the questions, biasing the sample or otherwise cooking the books?

The Journal also criticized the Albany City Council for incorrectly allowing an informational presentation by one of its members. The Albany City Council operates according to democratic principles that encourage information to be presented in an open public meeting. The council has no interest in suppressing the rights of its members to present evidence that supports their positions on issues.

Most importantly, The Journal missed the two 800-pound gorillas: Los Angeles developer Rick Caruso and Canada's Magna Entertainment Corp. Magna owns Golden Gate Fields and still has dreams of slot machines at all its "Racinos," and Mr. Caruso wants to build a mega-mall on our waterfront. They've opened a PR

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office, hired a former assemblywoman for political advice, produced mailings, held numerous "neighborhood coffees," and even have telemarketers calling us. Their track record shows they'll spend millions to get their mall approved. All this before they have even submitted an official plan. Caruso Affiliated also polled Albany residents but declines to release the results of that survey. I suspect that the results are similar to the result of the poll by EMC made available to the public showing that 60 percent of Albany citizens favor a park.

The Journal got it right when it identified the future of the racetrack as the single most important unresolved issue. In the interest of community harmony, this can be resolved now. Since the land is not currently zoned for a mall development, we are under no obligation to change city zoning to allow for that use. The (multi-)million dollar question is: Should we consider changing our zoning under measure 'C' or wait to consider any changes to our waterfront until the racetrack leaves? The voters of Albany should have their say. Answering this question now will provide clarity and an opportunity for unified action in the best interests of our community.

The choices we make now will affect generations.

Robert Lieber is an Albany City Council member. The Journal welcomes guest commentary submissions. Submissions may be e-mailed to journal@cctimes.com.

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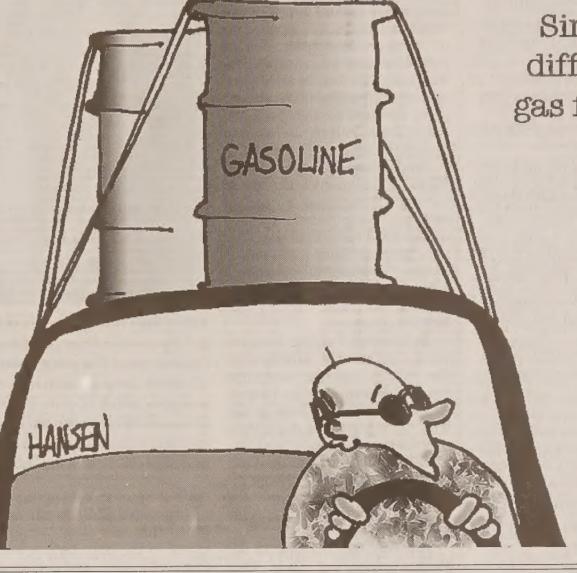
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Journal's double standard

I was surprised and dismayed to see The Journal come out in an editorial criticizing the fact that some residents got money for a poll to find out what they felt about the waterfront. Such direct democracy should be applauded, not attacked.

Even more fascinating is the fact that The Journal never editorialized against Magna Entertainment Corp. and Caruso Affiliated for doing their own polling about the waterfront barely a year ago. For The Journal, it looks as though it is OK for Magna and Caruso to poll about the waterfront, but not all right for residents. They are a "special" interest as the term is used in the editorial.

Indeed, it gets even better. The Albany residents who attacked the people's polling were quite happy to attack Robert Lieber and others who got the people's polling done. But again, as with The Journal, they never uttered a single word against the Magna/Caruso polling when it was done and even when it asked if people would support a gambling casino at the race track. So we know which side they really stand on.

And remember, the people released their polling results for all to see. Magna and Caruso has never released their results. I wonder why.

Norman La Force

El Cerrito

La Force is the chairman of Sierra Club East Bay Public Lands Committee.

Tribute to Dario Meniketti

Recently, a beautiful information kiosk was dedicated to the memory of Dario Meniketti, an Albany resident, community activist and mentor. The kiosk is located on Solano Avenue at Curtis Street, in front of the Curry Cafe.

Before he died, Meniketti expressed wishes that more Albany residents would participate in the public process. He felt that if public information was more readily visible, it would inspire people to become involved and active in the community.

Meniketti's brilliance and commitment emanated from his deep caring and concern for our community.

Thank you, Albany Community Foundation, for conceiving this fine memorial for Meniketti, a man who I will always remember with profound respect and deep admiration.

Kim Linden

Albany

Recruiting tool

President Bush's June 28 speech was more of a recruiting message than a policy speech.

There never was an exit plan because he's building permanent military bases in Iraq in the hope of controlling the oil supply.

What we have is another foreign civil war, with the United States caught in the middle. Our only hope is regime change in Washington!

Beverly Russell
Kensington

Sold a lie

In light of President Bush's recent appeal to Americans to see that the war on Iraq has been worth it, let us consider again why we went to war there in the first place.

The American people did not support a war in Iraq because we wanted to do nation-building; we were sold a war based on a supposed imminent threat to our country. We were sold a lie.

The administration has since been forced to back away from its original statements concerning Iraq's capability to launch weapons of mass destruction at our country.

The administration also repeatedly suggested a connection between Saddam Hussein and the attack of Sept. 11, despite a lack of any evidence for such a link. The Sept. 11 commission has shown clearly that this connection did not exist.

Now we are being sold this war is being fought to bring democracy to the Middle East.

We should ask ourselves: Back in 2002 and 2003, would we have supported this invasion of Iraq if we were told it was a war for nation-building?

Frances Malamud-Roam

El Cerrito

Karl Rove speech

How about this? A shorter version of Karl Rove's June 22 speech to the New York Conservative Party: "Conservatives saw the savagery of 9/11 and the attacks and prepared to politicize the event and send other people's children off to war."

Patrick Hynes

El Cerrito

War going poorly

It is clear from virtually all perspectives that the war in Iraq is going poorly.

The question is no longer if we get out of Iraq or when we get out of Iraq, but how we get out of Iraq.

Our military is finding it more difficult to support the political image portrayed by their leaders (the White House). When the soldiers start to feel they are fighting for a cause not shared by the people at home (see any current poll),

then our policies need revisiting.

A visionary, clearly thought-through and articulated exit strategy needs to be presented to the American people. Stopping the course will no longer satisfy these people of Iraq or the American public.

David Wolin

El Cerrito

Clarify El Cerrito art organizations

A letter by Dick Patterson titled, "Public art tax" (July 1), has prompted numerous concerned residents to contact me.

These individuals learned about a proposal regarding tax for "public art" by reading letters to the editor.

Please clarify the following:

The El Cerrito Art and Culture Commission is not connected in any way with the El Cerrito Art Association.

The El Cerrito Art Association was founded 30 years ago by a group of local artists to support and promote artists. We are not a service organization and do not operate on a profit. In fact, we just make ends meet.

Our only appeal to the city for funds was on one occasion, two years ago, when we applied for a grant. Our application was not acknowledged and no funds have ever been received.

The El Cerrito Art Association does not plan to ask for tax money. Please call the City Council if you have an opinion regarding the El Cerrito Art and Culture Commission's tax agenda.

Sylvia Falcon

El Cerrito

Falcon is a past president of El Cerrito Art Association.

It is terror itself

In President Bush's address to the nation on June 28, he again cited a link between his war in Iraq and the attacks of 9/11. There is none!

Even the dimmest readers of the Downing Street memos understand that his invasion of Iraq was premeditated and without the justification Bush announced to the world.

Bush stated, "Our mission in Iraq is clear. We're hunting down the terrorists." Perhaps Bush missed the memo, but neither the Iraqis nor their former leader directed, assisted, participated in or associated with those attacking America on 9/11.

The "terrorists" we now hunt were even there prior to U.S. occupation. Our own intelligence community has established that fact.

The persistent question then remains: Why are we in Iraq?

Our occupation has forged new enemies and united enemies who formerly refused to associate. Tens of thousands of civilians die with nearly 2,000 Americans beside them. The ever-increasing daily carnage no longer seems horrific because it's come to be expected.

This is no "war on terror" — it is terror for itself!

Chris Rasmussen

Berkeley

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RARY ACTIVITIES

ing with her baby, to a Chilean song about worms, as well as popular Mexican singalongs.

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— Craig Lazeretti

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Jill Lebeau, a psychotherapist, and Stephanie Barbic, a

professional organizer, will speak on uncluttering your life at the El Cerrito Library on July 18 at 7 p.m. Lebeau is a psychotherapist, motivational speaker and author who specializes in rapid transformation — a method she developed that accelerates the expansion of psychological and spiritual consciousness.

Barbic is a professional who specializes in organizing your home/business so that you can

have peace of mind. She is a member of the National Association of Professional Organizers and the National Study Group on Chronic Disorganization.

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For more information, call 510-526-7512.

— Craig Lazeretti

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Fighting for freedom of access

Quote of the week

"Freedom — The quality or state of being free; esp. a) the absence of necessity, coercion or constraint in choice or action, b) liberation from slavery or restraint or from the power of another..." Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th edition



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

staff is still there.

In fact, if you go to your public library just to use the Internet, it may look exactly the same to you. But if you read widely, you may not find all the materials you want on the shelves. You may also wait longer for service at the check-out desk or the reference desk. And I can tell you that for those of us who like public service and who enjoy having the time to pursue the answer to a particularly challenging question, less staff time can be frustrating. On the days when my library has minimal staff, and I look around and see all of us — clerks, pages, librarians — working cheerfully and thoroughly to give each person the best service, I am struck by the irony of being in a public service job that is highly valued by the individuals who use our library but undervalued by some of those who make the financial decisions.

But then I started thinking about the Patriot Act, and the struggle librarians continue to face as they fight to protect the privacy of their library users. And I suddenly realized if there is limited access — because of budget cuts — our basic freedom to explore ideas is curtailed. In some places, where libraries are closed, it is canceled. This means while we are debating the right of our government to ask about our reading habits and our Internet usage, we are forgetting to mention the libraries where the debate has disappeared, because there are no books checked out and there are no Internet terminals being used.

Cuts in hours, cuts in materials budgets and cuts in number of employees are cuts in access. If we reduce our library offerings, we reduce our right to know. I say "our" because whether or not your library is still open, somewhere there is a library that isn't. And the library users who no longer have access are our fellow voters; they are the people in our towns, and the children in our schools.

Sometimes cutbacks in libraries are not so obvious — the doors are still open and the



PI KAPPA PHI FRATERNITY in Berkeley, established in 1909, has been temporarily disbanded by UC Berkeley officials due to a hazing incident. The punishment is one step below fully revoking its charter.

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Matt Krupnick covers higher education. Reach him at 925-943-8246 or mkrupnick@cc-times.com.

UC Berkeley fraternity suspended for hazing

likely only 4 of 58 members will be allowed to return to the fall after a pledge was shot with a pellet gun

By Matt Krupnick

TIMES STAFF WRITER

University and fraternity officials Tuesday suspended a UC Berkeley fraternity chapter after members shot a 19-year-old pledge dozens of times with a pellet gun during a hazing ritual.

The Pi Kappa Phi chapter, founded in 1909, will be disbanded for the 2005-06 school year and will start nearly from scratch in the fall of 2006. Only four of the 58 members are likely to be allowed back in the interim, officials said.

The punishment is one step down the most severe sanction, taking university recognition of the chapter, and mostly from the April 8 hazing incident. Officials also cited drug use and underage drinking as justifications for the discipline.

Officials also handed down a \$1,000 fine and banned alcohol from the chapter's Channing Way house and all Pi Kappa Phi events. The settlement also requires 750 hours of community service and a live-in supervisor to monitor the chapter.

The chapter has been punished three other times for alcohol and hazing violations since 2000, according to the national fraternity's Web site. Obviously, long term, we hope to have a fully recognized chapter of Pi Kappa Phi in that," said Mark Timmes, executive of the national

fraternity. "In the interim, though, the facility cannot be used for anything resembling fraternity activities."

Timmes and university officials declined to discuss punishments of individual members but said the students could be expelled permanently from both the fraternity and UC Berkeley. Berkeley police investigated the pellet-gun shooting, but prosecutors filed no charges.

The hazing was one of several incidents that plagued the university's more than 50 fraternities and sororities over the past year, resulting in a moratorium on drinking in the 2,500-student Greek community.

It also came as college administrators nationwide tackled similar problems. At Chico State, officials dramatically reformed that school's Greek system after Pleasant Hill native Matthew Carrington died during a hazing incident.

Carrington's fraternity had been expelled from campus in 2002 for numerous violations, a fact not lost on UC Berkeley administrators as they considered punishments for Pi Kappa Phi. Rather than expel the chapter and risk a similar result, the university gave the fraternity a year to clean up its act, said Dean of Students Karen Kennedy.

"We would have had no control over the members" if the university had revoked the fraternity's charter, she said. "We

had a renegade chapter crop up in a house or apartment complex."

Chapter member Sam Endicott called the sanctions "realistic punishment" but said it was disheartening to see the fraternity temporarily disbanded.

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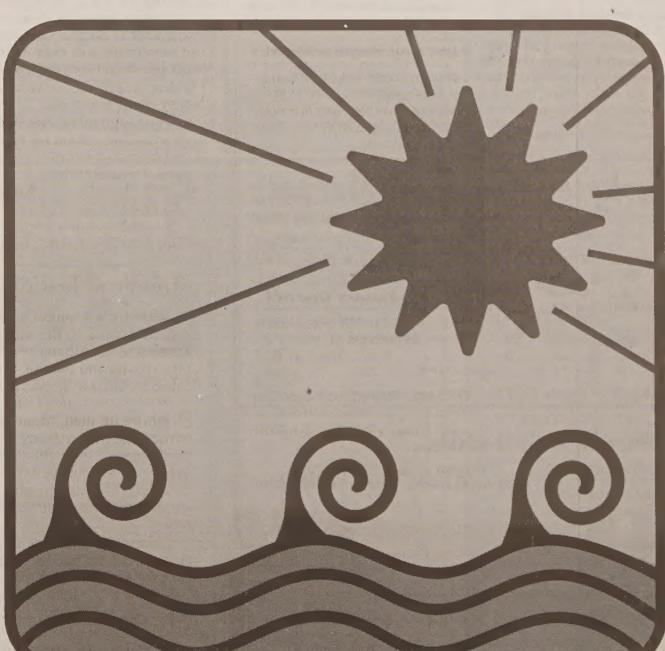
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- **Starry Plough Club**, 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, presents upcoming shows: "Viva K, Cushion Theory, Tiny Power, Gosling July 8, \$6. — Real Sippin' Whiskies, Bittersweet, Firecracker July 9, \$6. — Starry Irish Music Session led by Shay Black 8 p.m. July 10, 17, 24, 31. Sliding scale. — Dance Class and Ceili (Traditional Irish music session) 9 p.m. July 11, 18, 25. Class 7 p.m. Free. — Open Mic 7:30 p.m. July 12, 19, 26. Free. — Berkeley Poetry Slam with hosts Charles Elik and Three Blind Mice 8:30 p.m. July 13, 20, 27. \$5-\$7. — Welcome Matt, Demons Defeated July 14. \$5. — Shelley Doty X-Tet, Pyeng Threadgill Group July 15. \$6. — Campo Bravo, Judith and Holmes, Riss & Fall of Amy Rudy July 16. \$6. — Kid Beyond July 21. \$6. — Penelope Houston, Moore Brothers, Willow Willow July 22. \$7. — Jessica Lurie Ensemble, Mushroom July 23. \$8. — Brandi Carlile July 28. \$6. — Botticelli, Nineteen Eightyfour, Pyramus Never Dies, Picture Theory July 29. \$8. — Grapefruit Ed July 30. \$8. Details: 510-841-2082 or www.starryploughclub.com. Shows at 9:30 p.m., for ages 21+ unless noted.

■ **Jazzschool**, 2087 Addison St., Berkeley, presents: Jazzschool Jam Sessions Sundays 7:30-10 p.m. Open-mic session where instrumentalists and vocalists are welcome to sit in. Free. — **Booby Jamison Quintet** 8 p.m. July 8, \$10. — Extensions Jazz Quartet with Khalil Shahed 8 p.m. July 9, \$10. — Hitomi Oba Tho 4:30 p.m. July 10, \$10. — The Next Generation 8 p.m. July 15, \$10. — Loose Wig Quartet 8 p.m. July 16, \$10. — The Projects Studio 4:30 p.m. July 17. \$10. Advance tickets: 1-866-384-3060.

■ **Shattuck Down Low**, 2284 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, presents: Karaoke 8 p.m. Tuesdays, no cover; Salsa Night Wednesdays; Community Thursdays with DJs 8 p.m. \$5. — "King of Kings" Reggae Dance Night Sundays. — Post Panic After Party feat: Outformation feat: Cecil "P-Nut" Daniels, The Axis Brothers feat: Eric McFadden, Wally Ingram & Dave Pellecchia 7 p.m. July 8, \$12.50. — "Angel Magik" w/DJs Ice Water, Engine Room, Jahl Kno 9 p.m. July 9, \$15. Details: 510-548-1159 or www.shattuck-downlow.com.

■ **"In Harmony's Way"** CD Release Week present concert 8 p.m. July 8 at Freight and Salvage, 1111 Addison St. Eighteen Bay Area singers have converged to record some of their favorite chorus songs from American and British Isles traditions in a CD called "In Harmony's Way." Tickets: www.thefreight.org.

■ **Albany Library** presents Colibri in concert 7 p.m. July 12 at 1247 Marin Ave., Albany. Lichi Fuentes, Albany Peres play a variety of traditional folk instruments to present a lively and interactive journey through Latin America. Repertoire includes a Bolivian festival song about a mother dancing with her baby, a Chilean song about worms, popular Mexican singalongs, more. Details: Julie 510-256-3720 x17.

■ **Options Recovery Services** presents "A Celebration in Opera and Song" fund-raiser concert 8 p.m. July 15 at St. Joseph the Worker, 1640 Addison St., Berkeley. Lisa Houston, mezzo-soprano with Daniel Lockert, piano and special guest Leland Morine, baritone. Suggested donation \$30. Silent auction

& refreshments. Tickets: 510-666-9900. Details: www.optionsrecovery.org; click on Events.

■ **Down Home Music** presents free in-store performances on select Saturdays at 2 p.m. at 10341 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. Coming up: jazz bassist Kurt Ribak Trio July 16. Details: 510-525-2129.

■ **Midsummer Mozart Festival** presents concerts 7 p.m. July 17, 24 at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Programs include: Concerto in B flat major for Piano, Overture and Dances from "Les Peits Riens," "Great" Mass in C minor. Tickets \$28-\$48; www.midsummermozart.org, ticketweb.com, or 415-627-9145.

■ **Womansong Circle** meets 7:15-9:30 p.m. first Fridays monthly at First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 345 Channing Way. Potluck snacks and social time 6:45 p.m. Suggested donation \$8. Group welcomes all women to join voices in community singing. Led by Bay Area singer-songwriter/songleader Betsy Rose, repertoire includes songs of peace, justice, the many concerns and joys of women. Chants, folk songs, sacred songs, humor and spirit are woven through evening. No skills needed. Details: Betsy 510-525-7082.

■ **Berkeley Faculty Club** on UC Berkeley campus features piano music by Tim Ross and Jack Kruskup 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday & Friday evenings in the Kerr dining room. Early Bird specials at \$13.99 available from 5-6:30 p.m. weekdays. Reservations: call 510-540-5678. Details: www.berkeleyfacultyclub.com.

■ **Voci Women's Vocal Ensemble** is currently holding auditions for their Spring 2005 season, culminating in mid-May concert. The 24-voice group mostly sings classical music from a wide variety of historical periods; this Spring's repertoire includes Brahms, Debussy, Holst and several premieres of new pieces by local composers. Audition consists of ear-training, sight-singing and the performance of a prepared solo piece. For audition scheduling: contact Artistic Director Jude Navari at 415-425-8706. Details: Administrative Director Terry Meyers at 510-531-8714 or go to www coolcommunity.org/voci.

■ **Jazz Mine** performs every Friday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at King Tsin Chinese Restaurant, 1699 Solano Ave., Berkeley.

Outdoors

■ **Berkeley Path Wanderers, Friends of Five Creeks** present Cerrito Creek walk 10 a.m. July 9 at north end of Cornell Street, south edge of El Cerrito Plaza shopping center. Walk explores Indian, Spanish, and early El Cerrito history as well as recent restoration along Cerrito Creek and Albany Hill. Details: Susan 510-848-9358.

■ **University of California Botanical Garden** at Berkeley, 200 Centennial Drive, offers: Sick plant clinic 9 a.m.-12 p.m. July 9, Aug. 6. Free. First Saturdays monthly. Visit a premier botanical collection daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Docent Tours 1:30 p.m. Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays. — Join docents for free Waterwise Gardening Tour on third Thursdays, and following Saturdays and Sundays monthly at 1:30 p.m. Admission: \$5 adults, \$2 seniors, \$1 children 3-18 years old. Free for UCBG members, current UCB or LBNL staff, faculty, students, children under 3. Free to all on first Thursdays monthly. Details: 510-643-2755 or http://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu.

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A celebration in song

Mezzo-soprano Lisa Houston will perform at a benefit concert, "A Celebration in Opera and Song," on July 15 at St. Joseph the Worker Church, 1640 Addison St. on the corner of Jefferson, in Berkeley. Special guest for the Options Recovery Services fundraiser will be baritone Leland Morine; Daniel Lockert will play the piano. A silent auction will be held; refreshments will be served. Suggested donation is \$30. For tickets, call 510-666-9900. For more information, go to optionsrecovery.org and click on "Events."

habilitation groups. You can make an important contribution in returning these species to the wild life they deserve to have. Free training and some supplies. Details: Myrna 510-531-3042 or Lelia 510-655-3911.

■ **East Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden** Tilden Park, Berkeley, presents regular tours, seven days a week. Weekdays 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 2 p.m. tours by appointment. Details: 510-841-8732. For class schedule, call 925-820-1021.

Exhibits

■ **Open Studio, Arts & Crafts Show** by El Cerrito photographer Heidi Rand is 10 a.m.-5 p.m. July 9-10 at 5810 Barrett Ave., El Cerrito. Nature photography display, including unique crafts on wood, fabric, tile, more. Details: heidi.rand@ao.com or www.GardenDelight-arts.com.

■ **UC Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive**, 2625 Duran Ave. #2250, Berkeley, presents: "Blind at the Museum" Gallery Talk with John Dugdale, Beth Duncan 3 p.m. July 10 at Theater Gallery. Artist's talk Matrix 217: Haim Steinbach "Works in Progress: Objects for Steam/Snapshots" 4 p.m. July 10 in Gallery 1; "Spies" screening 7:30 p.m. July 15; "Blind at the Museum" through July 24; "Narrative Moral Models in Chinese and Japanese Painting" through July 24; Matrix 217: Haim Steinbach 10-Sept. 4; "Acting Out: Claude Cahun and Marcel Moore" through Aug. 14. Details: www.bampfa.berkeley.edu or 510-642-0808.

■ **ACCI Gallery**, 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, presents: 2005 New Member

Show is July 15-Aug. 12, with newest artists and their exciting work. Opening reception with artists 6-8 p.m. July 13. Details: 510-843-2527 or www.acci-gallery.com.

■ Dr. Sandra Phillips, Senior Curator of Photography, SFMOMA gives lecture "The Photographic Legacy of Claude Cahun" 6:30-8 p.m. July 14 at Judah L Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. Cost: \$4 members, \$6 non-members. Details: 510-549-6950.

■ 22nd annual **Berkeley Art Center Association** National Juried Exhibition is July 17-Aug. 27 at Berkeley Art Center, Live Oak Park, 2175 Walnut St. Opening reception & awards 2 p.m. July 17. Gallery hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Free, with donations accepted. Details: 510-644-6893 or www.berkeleyartcenter.org.

■ **The Ames Gallery** presents "Joni Sert: Recent Acquisitions" exhibit July 17-Sept. 12 at 2661 Cedar St., Berkeley. Hours: 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. weekdays; evenings/weekeends by appointment. Details: 510-845-4949 or www.amesgallery.com.

■ **Photography show "Travels with Margo"** shows through July 20 at the Homemade Cafe, 2454 Sacramento St., Berkeley. Berkeley activist Margot Smith presents photos from Europe, China, Hawaii, Mexico, California. Details: 510-486-8010.

■ **Badu Museum** presents "Wholly Grace," a solo exhibit of the work of Susan Duhan Felix through Sept. 29 at Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Señorita Ave., Berkeley. Reception 4-7 p.m. July 21, featuring flute and ocarina music by Eddie Hartshore at 4 p.m.; poetry by Morton Felix, Susan Duhan Felix and Lisa Felix Der at 5 p.m.; and at 6 p.m.

spirited Klezmer music by the Kugelplex Band. Hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. or by appointment; 510-848-0528.

■ **Shotgun Players** presents Edmond Rostand's classic story "Cyrano de Bergerac" 4 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays July 23-Sept. 11 at John Hinkel Park, 41 Somerset Ave., Berkeley. Free; donations accepted. Details: www.shotgunplayers.org or 510-841-6500.

■ **Judah L. Magnes Museum**, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley, presents: "Acting Out: Claude Cahun and Marcel Moore" through July 31. Details: 510-549-6950 or www.magnes.org.

■ **Innersport's** spring art show runs until August 1 at 1250 Addison St. #102, Berkeley. Show features work by Scott Courtenay-Smith, Sally Kiehn and Nita Moreno. Details: www.innersport.com.

■ **Black Repertory Group**, 3201 Adeline St., Berkeley, presents: Night Owl Comedy 10 p.m. on 3rd Saturdays monthly. Cost: \$5-\$10. — Free Lunch Program is through Aug. 4. Details: 510-652-2120 or www.blackrepertory-group.com.

■ **Albany Arts Committee** presents exhibit "From Life," featuring plein air and figurative paintings of Iris Sabre through Sept. 2 at Foyer Gallery, Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturdays. Details: 510-524-1577.

■ **Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive**, 2625 Duran Ave., Berkeley, offers the following exhibitions: "Turning Corners," a collection of radical/nonconformist artists, and "Figurations," a changing variety of perspectives on the human form, through Jan. 22, 2006. — Details: 510-642-0808.

■ **Film/dance/stage**

■ **Ashkenaz Music & Dance** Community Center, 1317 Webster Ave., Berkeley, presents: Swing dance lesson 8 p.m.; Lavay Smith & Her Red Hot Rhythm Lickers 9:30 p.m. July 8. \$11-\$13. — Caribbean Allstars 9:30 p.m. July 9. \$11-\$13. — Hungarian concert with TEKA 7:30 p.m. July 10. \$12. — Cajun dance lesson at 8:00 p.m.; Swamp Coolers 8:30 p.m. July 12. \$9. — West Coast swing dance lesson 8 p.m.; Bernard Anderson & the Old School Band 9 p.m. July 13. \$9. — Jug Fest America 8:30 p.m. July 14. \$9. Details: www.ashkenaz.com or 510-525-5054.

■ **Community New England Country Dance** is taught 8-11 p.m. July 8 to live New England fiddle music at Prospect Sierra School, 960 Avila Drive, El Cerrito. Contra, circle, and couple dances taught and prompted by caller, Kirsten Koths. No partners required. Beginners welcome; they should attend a free intro class at 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$10/\$5 students. Please wear clean, nonmarking shoes. For map/info: www.tussell.org/bacdcs/prospectschool.htm.

■ **La Pena Cultural Center**, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, presents the following events: Jazz, 4000 Meters High 8 p.m. July 8. \$10-\$13. — Rhiannon and Susan Muscarella 8:30 p.m. July 9. \$12-\$14. — Performance benefit for filming of foster care system documentary "Take Me Home" 5 p.m., 7 p.m. July 10. \$12-\$20. — Arab Woman Film Festival screening of "Hollywood Harem," "Beneath Chicago" 7:30 p.m. July 13. \$5. — Cafe Poetry, Open Mic with Kira Allen 7:30 p.m. July 13. Donation — "From Bastille to Bush" concert 7:30 p.m. July 14.

\$10-\$12. — Arawaks & Ma-Santero's album release p.m. July 15. \$12. Details: www.lapena.org or 510-841-6500.

■ **Contra Costa Civic Theater** presents Cole Porter's musical "Gone With the Wind" 8 p.m. Fridays & Saturday, 7 at 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. \$12-\$20. Reservation: 524-9132 or www.ccct.org.

■ **Woman's Will**, the Bay female Shakespeare Company presents "Richard III" 1 p.m. 10, 16-17 at John Hinkel Park, 41 Somerset Ave., Berkeley. Free; donations accepted. Details: www.womanswill.org or 420-0813.

■ **San Francisco Circus** presents "Elevation 63" 1 p.m. July 10 at Julia Morgan Hall for the Arts, 2640 College, Berkeley. Tickets: \$10 adult children; call 925-798-1301.

■ **Aurora Theatre Company** presents "Aurora Stories" benefit reading to feature exotic tales from the nights 7:30 p.m. July 11 at 2110 son St., Berkeley. Free, with a wine suggestion. Proceeds support the Global AIDS Project program. Details: 510-843-4822 or www.auroatre.org.

■ **Actor Reading Writers** Writing through Live Reading "Unwise Decisions," stories by Henry, Lynne McCall and Sally Munro) 7:30 p.m. July 11 at 2110 City Club, 2315 Duran Ave., Berkeley. Free. Details: 510-845-8542 or www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **Naked Masks** theater company presents "Amnesia: Benefit Evolve" 8 p.m. July 18 at 2110 City Club, 2315 Duran Ave., Berkeley. Light reception, world premiere play developed by company, glass of wine and atmosphere. Tronic building. Free; donations deductible. Reservations, details: 883-9872.

■ **Contra Costa Civic Theater** auditions for "You Can't Take It With You," by George S. Kaufman, 51 Hart, directed by Kali Culbertson, starring Ralph Miller as Grandfather, on July 19-20 at 951 Ave., El Cerrito. Prepare a monologue and read from script. Roles for eight men and seven women. Details: 510-524-9132 or www.ccct.org.

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■ **Obituaries In Memoriam**

Herta Bregg 83 died fully at home in Berkeley 6-26-05. She was born in 1921, but came to the US in WWII. She graduated from Berkeley, went to PhD from Washington University in St. Louis. She later became a teacher, and at the age of 60, a nurse. She married William Bregg, and had 2 daughters, Naomi & Miriam. She may have many friends in the Bay Area. Although petite in size, she will be missed by all who knew her.

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Key Repertory Theatre presents Issey's "The Ugly American" July 13 at Thrust Stage, 2025 Addison, Berkeley. Showtimes: Wednesdays 7 p.m.; Thursdays, Fri-Saturdays 8 p.m. Solo show re-enacts man's misadventures as an ex-student in London. Tickets: 15-group discounts, call 510-647-3945; toll 4-BRT-Tix or keyrep.org.

Key Open presents Richard & Die Meistersinger from Nurnberg 8 p.m., July 16, 20, 22 and 2 p.m. at Julia Morgan Center for the 10 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets: call 825-798-1300. Wagner's opera in a three-hour adaptation. It small community prepares for festival with young men in a competition for hand of loveliest in town. In German with English ps. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

Theatre Company presents *Bosnian Night* through July 24 Addison St., Berkeley. Showtimes: Wednesdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. & undays. Tickets: \$48-\$45; call 4822 or www.aurotheatre.org.

Key Repertory Theatre presents workshop of Mike Daisey's "Mo" at 7 p.m. Aug. 14 at Thrust 125 Addison St., Berkeley. Tickets: details: 510-647-2949, toll 4-BRT-Tix, or keyrep.org.

seph the Worker Church pre-st Friday's, programs with a science, at 7:30 p.m. on the first every month at 1640 Addison St., Berkeley. Free. Details: 510-482-1062.

zad Dance Company, specializing Persian and Fusion recruiting dancers to perform in the Bay Area and (occas) Los Angeles. Experience in mode performance necessary; ex-Ballet, Flamenco, Indian dance rehearsals 6-8 p.m. Thursdays, 7 p.m. in Berkeley. Auditions: 510-215-2166.

a, a nonprofit dance/art organization "Dance Jammies," a multi-national family event 6-9:30 p.m. third monthly. Event includes a warm-up, dance jam, food concession with cartoon, p and movies, at Motivity Center, St., Berkeley. Reservations: 510-

Night Folk Dancing from 8-11 at Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave., no partners necessary for line from Rumania, Bulgaria, Isley, Near East and other lands. necessary, all ages wear comfortable shoes. Small ad. Details: 510-525-1130 or 510-

Folkdancing takes place the day of month, 1-2:30 p.m. at Music and Dance Community 317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Denise Schutz Weisz. Bring your spirit of fun. No experience. An opportunity for families to drop together. Drop in for exercise. All ages welcome, no registration needed. children \$2. Details: 510-632-

1317 San Pablo Ave., offers dance classes ranging Cuban to Kalaripayattu Dances of India. Coast Swing to Lindy Hop. Dance, Ashkenaz is a music and dance community studio. Details: 510-5054.

ories/Collage and Ceramics coming at St. John's Senior College Ave., Berkeley, Tuesday 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Details: 510-845-6830.

and fitness classes open to all, Afro-Brazilian, belly dancing, ballroom, tap, theater dance,

yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-\$10. Details: 510-848-6370.

Folkdance classes, Mondays 9:30 a.m.: to 11:30 a.m. at Arlington Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Simple, clear lessons for people of all levels. Emphasis is good music and fun. Cost: \$30 for six-week session (pro-rated fees apply), \$8 for drop-in session. Details: Mel Hart at 510-848-5289 before 9 p.m.

Let's Swing and Jitterbug: 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate, four-week dance classes beginning first Tuesday of month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 170 Chestnut St., Berkeley; \$40 for four classes. Details: Diana at 510-549-3591.

Swing Dance Classes Learn East Coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30-9:30 p.m., East Coast Swing from 7-8 p.m., and beginning Lindy Hop 8-9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. Details: Michael Marangio at 510-528-7858.

Religion

Celebrate pride with New Spirit Community Church, a special worship service celebrating LGBT spirituality and pride in the East Bay at 11 a.m. on Sundays at Pacific School of Religion Chapel, 1798 Alameda, Berkeley. Details: 510-704-7729 or go to www.newspritchurch.org.

Support

Neighborhood Parents Network — Nonprofit membership organization offering information and support for East Bay families, as well as social & educational events, a monthly newsletter, playgroups, support groups, preschool & elementary school info, and more. Details: 877-568-5437 or www.npnpo.org.

Older People United invites those over 75 years old to discuss problems of getting older, looking for solutions and getting helpful information. Jean Reyes, Gray Panther, leads group at Gray Panther Office, 1403 Addison St., Berkeley. Details: 510-648-9696.

Free Drop-in Support Group for Family/Friends Who Care for Older Adults (in-person, nearby or long distance) meets at 4:30 p.m. on the third Wednesdays monthly at Hemick Campus of Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. It is sponsored by Alta Bates Summit Medical Center Psychiatry Department. This is a confidential place to discuss personal and practical issues in relation to caregiving of older adults.

Alzheimer's Support Group meets: 7 p.m. 1st Wednesdays monthly at Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay, 2320 Channing Way, Berkeley. Details: 510-644-8292. — For Early Onset Family/Caregivers, Any Stage, group meets 2nd Thursdays monthly 7-9 p.m. at 800 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. Details: Ericka 925-788-7709 or Jonathon 925-286-1747. — Further details: 800-660-1993 or www.alzncral.org.

Narconon Arrowhead — Do you know how to cope with an addiction? Narconon Arrowhead offers free addiction counseling, assessments and referrals to rehabilitation centers nationwide and locally. Call 1-800-468-6933 or go to www.stopaddiction.com.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill East Bay Chapter is sponsoring a free monthly family support group at Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Stanhope Ave., Albany. Details: 510-524-1250.

Mid-Life Women's Group meets at 7:30 p.m. Mondays for support, friendship and sharing issues, with an experienced facilitator. Details: 510-237-2210.

Fibromyalgia Support Group of Berkeley assists those coping with Fibromyalgia and the people who support them. Details: 510-644-3273.

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Charcot Marie Tooth support group meets quarterly from 2-4 p.m. at the Alameda Library, 1247 Marin Ave. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Details: Gail 408-425-5629.

Teen Support Group meets Tuesday evenings twice monthly at Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Free group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. Meeting co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. Details: 510-527-5551.

Ann Martin Children's Center offers "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first-time mothers and babies (under 5 months). Experienced facilitator. Details: 510-524-0821.

Berkeley Parkinson's Support Group meets 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Mondays at Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Details: Irene 510-524-4847 or Mitzi 510-527-9075.

Overeaters Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women from all walks of life who meet in order to help solve a common problem: compulsive overeating. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively. One group meets 1:30 p.m. Fridays downstairs at Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Wheelchair accessible. Details: www.caeastbay.org or Katherine 510-525-5231.

Overeaters Anonymous — Have a problem with food? Twelve-step support group dealing with these issues meets at 10:30 a.m. Sundays at Mandana Community Recovery Center, 3895 Howes St., Oakland; 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Piedmont Community Church, 400 Highland Ave., Piedmont; 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Piedmont Gardens, 110-41st St., Piedmont, and 6 p.m. Fridays at East Bay Church of Religious Science, 4130 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. Details: 510-923-9491.

Forty-Plus — Introduction and Orientation meets from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Mondays at 7700 Bridgewater Drive, Suite 620, Oakland. Organization offers a comprehensive career transition program uniquely suited to needs of mature managers, executives and professionals. Details: 510-569-7587 or www.fortyplus.org.

Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group meets 1:20-30 p.m. second Tuesdays monthly (except December) at Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Details: 510-204-4503.

Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop in anytime. Group meets 4-5 p.m. first Tuesdays monthly in May Auditorium on Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Details: 510-204-4503.

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Bereavement Support Groups: No Charge. Preregistration required. Wednesdays, 4:30-6 p.m., JFC/S/East Bay in Berkeley, 510-704-7480 ext. 968. Thursdays, 3:40-30 p.m., JFC/S/East Bay in Walnut Creek, 925-927-2000 ext. 740.

Cancer Support Group: No charge. Tuesdays from 12:30 - 2 p.m., Markstein Center, room 2810, 2nd floor, 450 30th Street, Oakland. Call 510-869-8633.

Support Group for Women 60 Years and Older: Finally, a special group for older single women. Explore new options for coping with life transitions, making new friendships, dealing with family and peer relationships, and changing old habits. Preregistration required. Second and fourth Mondays at 3:30-5 p.m. at the Berkeley/Richmond Jewish Community Center. Fee: \$10/session. Call Marti Kutnik LCSW at 510-704-7480 x740.

Interfaith Couples Group: Thursdays, 7:15-9:15 p.m. at Jewish Family & Children's Services of the East Bay in Berkeley. Call Cindy Diamond, MFT at 510-704-7480 x225.

Social Skills and Anger Management for Boys: A special group for 7-9 year old boys expressing anger and other feelings inappropriately, or are having difficulty making and keeping friends. Preregistration required. Mondays, 4 - 5:15 p.m. at Jewish Family & Children's Services of the East Bay in Berkeley. Fee: \$40/session. Sliding scale and medical accepted. Call David Edelson, MA, MFT at 510-704-2675.

Women's Cancer Resource Center offers support groups throughout the Bay area. If you are interested in attending a group, call the HelpLine at 510-420-7900 during the Center's open hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 12-4 p.m. on second and fourth Saturdays monthly.

Bereavement Support Group meets 3:40-30 p.m. Thursdays at Jewish Family & Children's Services in Walnut Creek.

Topics include dealing with loneliness, isolation, anger and other unexpected emotions; changing family dynamics; and re-establishing connections with your community. Receive support in a warm, Jewish context. No charge (donations accepted). Preregistration required. Call Marti Kutnik LCSW at 925-927-2000 ext. 740. This group is jointly sponsored by Sinai Memorial Chapel and Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay.

Children

Lawrence Hall of Science, 1 Centennial Drive, Berkeley, presents residential camps: "Coastal Ecology Camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains" session two, for ages 9-12, July 10-14. — "Yosemite Park Backpacking Science Camp" session one for ages 10-14 through July 24; session

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BART deal easy on passengers

By Mike Adamick
TIMES STAFF WRITER

As if arranging the three types of BART cars needed to form longer rush-hour trains, management and labor leaders assembled a new contract deal early Wednesday that both sides say fits the district, and its riders, perfectly.

Getting there, however, took time.

Some pieces fit. Others clanked. Eventually, one proposal clicked, allowing the trains to roll down the tracks and the morning commute to continue unabated for some 300,000 riders.

"I think BART's passengers, who have been footing the bill for some of the mistakes of the past, are the big winners," said Jim Wunderman, head of the Bay Area Council, a business federation that lobbied on behalf of management during the months-long negotia-

tions.

Over the next two weeks, the board and unions must ratify the pact. But both sides appear to have won enough at the bargaining table to seal the deal with a handshake.

BART forced employees to kick in more for health care and won approval to overhaul clerical positions in favor of new software systems it says can save \$40 million by 2010.

Unions received minimal raises — 7 percent over four years — but also maintained perks such as overtime and extra pay for some shifts that have helped make BART employees some of the highest paid transit operators in the country.

The pre-dawn deal was announced at 3:01 a.m. Wednesday, just an hour before the first trains of the day began rolling.

Albany

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inaccessible without it.

Between 50 percent and 60 percent of respondents said the following arguments were persuasive: The measure will help keep real estate values high; it will maintain the historic Veteran's building in Memorial Park; and the measure will help improve the city's aesthetics.

Fifty-nine percent of respondents were much more or somewhat more likely to vote against the measure if they were told that voters recently approved a measure that was supposed to cover the areas mentioned.

Between 24 percent and 33 percent said the same thing about the argument that funds for the improvements should come out of the city's general fund and not from taxpayers' pockets; that taxes are

already too high and that an improved veterans building will only lead to increased costs and eventually more taxes to support it.

The city is considering a \$100, \$125 or \$145 tax measure, which would generate between \$728,900 and \$1,056,905 annually.

The city says it needs at least \$610,000 a year for operational expenses, the largest of which is street paving at \$250,000 a year. That's followed by landscaping maintenance at \$140,000; \$85,000 for operations and maintenance at the veterans hall; \$75,000 for library services; \$35,000 for maintenance at the planned Pierce Street Park; and \$25,000 for maintenance of athletic fields.

The city has an additional \$5.9 million in projects it's pursuing, including \$3.5 million for a renovation at the veterans hall; \$1.5 million for storm drain upgrades; \$700,000 for the construction of Pierce Street Park; and \$250,000 for landscaping at the Ohlone Greenway.

The city needs to submit ballot language to the county by Aug. 12 in order to place the tax on the November ballot. Good said the city may delay the tax until June 2006, to allow the school district to place its own tax on the ballot this November.

In other business, the council voted that St. Mary's College High School's snack shack and band pavilion could not be occupied un-

SURVEY RESULTS

Respondents chose the following issues as "extremely important" or "very important," according to a recent poll conducted by Gable Research:

- Maintaining library services — 86 percent
- Preventing crime — 75 percent
- Providing facilities and services for youth — 71 percent
- Maintaining facilities at local parks — 70 percent
- Improving public safety capabilities — 52 percent
- Reducing Albany traffic congestion — 43 percent
- Paving Albany streets — 42 percent
- Preventing local tax increases — 25 percent
- Reducing the risk of flooding — 20 percent

Snapp

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"We decided that we really needed was book Katie Wilson."

"They could survive library for a while, but could have a school with books?"

"So they held a book They divided them into piles: Yes, No, and May."

"The Yes pile included various classics: Harry Potter, Lemony Snicket, Hardy, Nancy Drew, Little House on the Prairie, and Winnie the Pooh."

"The No pile contained in poor condition, plus the third Graders deproprate."

"By the time they were they had 1,873 books, which they delivered to Castro on the last day of the year."

"I feel like we've won the prize!" said Eliana Green.

"It's the feeling that you accomplished something that you thought you could."

"When you're a kid, do you think you can't change things?" said Isabelle Dillingham.

"I feel like I've really done things, and I feel really myself."

But Castro Elementary needs a lot more books — about \$250,000 to repair structural damage. If you'd like to help, tax-deductible donations can be sent to Castro Library Fund, Mechanics Bank, 1000 Castro Ave., El Cerrito, Calif. Here's hoping they can: everything replaced by their school starts again in September.

In the meantime, isn't it great to know that we have such a great generation of kids?

McKissock

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With the help of about a dozen volunteers, he grew native plants — including cattails, scarlet and common monkey flower — and planted them in the pond. Water quality has increased dramatically and four or five species of dragonflies live there, controlling the mosquito population.

"None of it would have happened if Jim wasn't leading the way," said Lee. "He's been really knowledgeable and incredibly focused, and he's been out there every single Sunday this year."

A boulder with ancient Indian markings sits near the pond. McKissock and volunteers have planted a variety of native plants around the boulder, in an effort to incorporate it into a more natural environment and help protect it.

The native plants, including yampah, have also provided a habitat for the parsley swallowtail butterfly.

He carefully manages the area, making sure native plants grow and provide a habitat before removing weeds like anise where the butterflies also lay their eggs.

His hands caked in dirt and his eyes characteristically wide and intense, McKissock pointed to tiny black caterpillars on one yampah plant.

"This is one of the big successes here," he said.

Mostly self-educated,



JOANNA JHANOA/STAFF

JIM MCKISOCK'S volunteer work has resulted in a thriving frog habitat in a patch along the Ohlone Greenway that was an empty cement bowl full of mosquitoes prior to his involvement.

McKissock worked for 18 years with the Southern Pacific Railroad but was laid off in the mid-1980s. Since then he's done odd jobs, supported by a pension and his wife, Katherin, a computer software consultant and accountant.

The two met in El Cerrito about 40 years ago through a mutual friend.

"At the time I thought he was the wisest person I had ever met," Katherin McKissock said. "He just has a very deep sense of perspective. He's not myopic in his vision. He sees the whole picture; sees the whole scope of what's going on."

There's a spiritual and religious aspect to his work. Like a backyard gardener, McKissock said his work reduces stress. He also be-

lieves it contributes to a better world. On the back of his car is a "Butterflies Not Bombs" bumper sticker.

McKissock has parlayed his knowledge into some paid consulting work. After finding him on the Internet, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission hired him last fall to find and move some frogs from a development site at the Port of San Francisco to Potrero Hill.

"They call me the frog man," McKissock said. "But really I do more than frogs. If you can save the frogs you can save a lot of other things, too."

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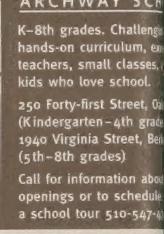
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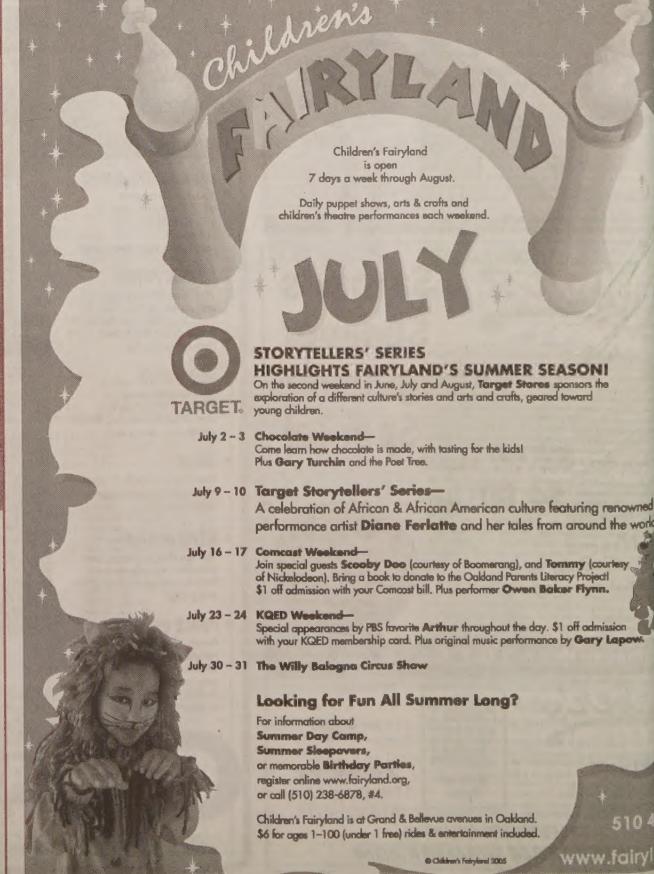
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Real Estate Spotlight:

Inspiring canyon views from birdwatcher's paradise

This three-level, modern rustic house at 101 Kensington Road was designed to maximize the breathtaking site right on the edge of Wildcat Canyon. Floor-to-ceiling windows, extensive decks, and a flight of beautiful wooden stairs leading directly into the canyon are among the many architectural elements emphasizing the peaceful natural surroundings. The undulations of the hills are repeated in peaked window and roof lines over the living room and main-level master bedroom.

Panels redwood interiors enhance the pure architectural form to create uncluttered spaces in the living room, dining room, two master bedroom suites, and three lower-level bedrooms. Floors are newly polished hardwood, ceilings are wood-beamed, moldings



are of teakwood. A black slate surrounded fireplace of Zen-like simplicity presents another focus point in the large living room.

The lovely latticed wooden dividers separating the living and dining rooms also have a distinctly

Asian influence. The simple, sophisticated kitchen with a big skylight opens to a spacious dining area and another gorgeous view.

This lovely home was built in 1964, and has been lived in since by the same academic family. It

is close to the Kensington shops and restaurants and the Hilltop School. Open Sunday, July 10 and 17, 2-4 pm. \$935,000. Listing agent: Merrilyn Rhodes, Marvin Gardens Real Estate Kensington office, 510-292-3048.

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Fantastic 4 Bedroom Townhouse
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This lovely family townhome has been remodeled, and updated to move-in ready! It is close to Alameda's best schools, shopping, transportation, and shoreline. The home looks out upon a large, lovely courtyard, has a back yard, and 2 car garage. It will not last!

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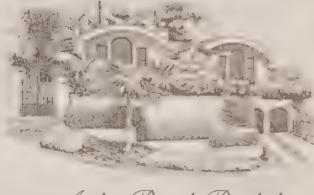
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OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. Modern Villa with lush gardens, Bay views, and maximum privacy! Three bedrooms, two and one half baths, large kitchen/family room, exquisite finishes, attached three-car garage. Wonderful location on Berkeley's Panoramic Hill.

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**9050 Broadway Terrace, Oakland
Offered at \$1,695,000**

This 1998 custom Mediterranean home built by Scott Cameron has warmth, sophistication and style. Located in Montclair, with views of San Francisco, the Bay Bridge and the Golden Gate Bridge, it is light-filled and has an uncommon sense of privacy. The 4+BR/3.5BA floor plan lends itself beautifully for entertaining, with spacious rooms, high ceilings, hardwood floors, and upscale finishes throughout. Upon entering the property you are immediately transported into a secret garden. This is truly an exceptional home.

**NEW MONTCLAIR LISTING
OPEN SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2-4:30PM**



**2200 Arrowhead Drive, Oakland
Offered at \$789,000**

Located in a peaceful setting, this 4+ bedroom, 3 bath beauty offers spacious living both indoors and out. Living room with fireplace. Formal dining room. Kitchen/family room with fireplace and wet bar. 4th bedroom has both interior and exterior entry (perfect for home office). Large lot with usable side yard for play or gardening. Approx. 2610 sq. ft. as per public record.



Robyn Mohr
510.338.1310

PIEDMONT \$1,795,000

1909 OAKLAND AVE.

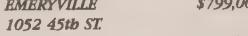
Classic brown shingle home in central Piedmont. 4BR, 2BA & 2 half baths, formal living & dining rooms, family room, finished attic. Level fenced yard. Rosalie Woods x1324



MONTCLAIR \$1,695,000

9050 BROADWAY TERR.

New Listing! 1998 custom Mediterranean home w/warmth, sophistication & style. 4+BR/3.5BA, views of SF & GG Bridge. Gourmet kitchen/family room, au-pair suite. Dee Knowland x1318



PIEDMONT \$1,395,000

206 SCENIC AVE.

Central Piedmont Brown Shingle. 3+BR/2.5BA, master suite with sitting room & deck, eat-in kitchen, formal dining room with built-ins, SF views, garden. Martha Holsdaw x1312



PIEDMONT \$1,195,000

958 KINGSTON AVE.

New Listing! Charming 4BR/2BA Mediterranean. Restored many of the original details. Updated kitchen & baths, hardwood floors, formal dining room. French doors to yard. Ashley O'Neil x1368



MONTCLAIR \$789,000

2200 ARROWHEAD DR.

New Listing! 4+BR/3BA beauty with spacious indoor/outdoor living. Formal dining room, kitchen/family room with fireplace and wet bar. Large wooded lot. Robyn Mohr x1310



MONTCLAIR \$849,000

6120 WESTOVER DR. (Open 2-5)

New Listing! Wonderful one-level home with view 4+BR/2BA, eat-in kitchen, dining room, large living room with beamed ceilings & brick fireplace. Carla Buffington x1367



PIEDMONT PINES \$699,000

2624 CARISBROOK DR. (Open 2-5)

New Listing! Charming 2+BR/1BA cottage set amidst flowering gardens and giant oak trees. Crown moldings, cathedral ceilings, fireplace & separate writer's studio. Fritz Hochfilner x1348



PIEDMONT \$3,450,000

Elegant French Normandy on approximately two-thirds of an acre of lush gardens and park-like grounds. Grand foyer w/circular staircase. Five bedrooms, four baths. Classic design on an extraordinary site! Georgia Cornell x1325



MONTCLAIR \$1,699,000

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OPEN SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2-5PM**



**3945 La Cresta Avenue, Glenview
Offered at \$699,000**

This charming two-story brown shingle Craftsman features a spacious floor plan and wonderful details throughout. Its versatile 3 bedroom, 2 bath layout makes it a home a perfect place for entertaining and everyday living. The comfortably large living room adjoins a formal dining room with built-ins, wainscoting and a beamed ceiling. The sunny eat-in kitchen opens to a lovely, secluded backyard. A separate level third bedroom and bath make for an ideal family room, office space or master suite. Convenient access to the village shops and cafes of Glenview.

Christian Downer
510.338.1340

**NEW PIEDMONT LISTING
OPEN SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2-4:30PM**



**206 Scenic Avenue, Piedmont
Offered at \$1,395,000**

Central Piedmont Brown Shingle with San Francisco Bay views. 3+BR/2.5BA, master suite with sitting room and private deck; wood paneled office overlooking the bay; eat-in kitchen; formal dining room with built-in cabinets and stained glass windows; secluded back garden and patio.

Martha Holsdaw
510.338.1312

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PIEDMONT AVENUE \$589,000

27 RIO VISTA AVE.

Charming 1905 cottage one half block from Piedmont Avenue. Two bedrooms, one bath, formal dining room, fireplace, hardwood floors, sunny yard. Sheila Gallagher x1383



LAUREL \$449,000

3932 BAYO ST.

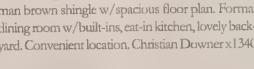
New Listing! Charming & bright 2BR/1BA, family room located in the heart of the Laurel district. Large kitchen, dining room, back yard with patio, garage. Sandi Klemmer x1313



BERKELEY \$699,000

2322 1/2 STUART ST.

New Listing! Lovely Brown Shingle with original details. 5BR/1+1BA, fireplace, hardwood floors. Kitchen and baths need TLC. Michelle Vasey x1359



MICHAEL PARK \$550,000

2601 55th AVE.

New Listing! Charming 1929 Tudor duplex with landscaped side garden. Each unit is 2BR/1BA. Gleaming hardwood floors, fireplace, updated kitchen and baths. Lee Jacobson x1309

LAKE MERRITT \$445,000

565 BELLEVUE AVE. #901

New Listing! Brilliant southwest exposure with fabulous views of lake and city. Gorgeous building with many amenities. One bedroom, two baths. Kathleen Callahan x1343



BERKELEY \$549,000

2322 1/2 STUART ST.

New Listing! Farm house with bedroom addition. Fir floors, large kitchen, 3BR/2BA. Very secluded secret garden setting. Michelle Vasey x1359



SAN LEANDRO \$465,000

550 MAUD AVE.

Charming 1914 craftsman bungalow in convenient location. 2BR/1 updated bath, hardwood floors, built-ins, remodeled kitchen, great yard. Michelle Miller x1335

LOWER LAUREL \$419,000

4100 CULVER ST.

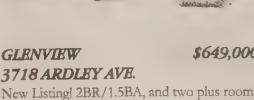
New Listing! Charming light-filled 2BR/1BA, remodeled bungalow. Pretty details, hardwood floors, secluded garden and patio, convenient location near 580. Leslie Avant x1341



GLENVIEW \$649,000

3718 ARDLEY AVE.

New Listing! 2BR/1.5BA, and two plus rooms. Formal dining room, large eat-in kitchen, two car garage and one detached garage (for studio or workshop?). Bob & Carolyn Nelson x1345



ADAMS POINT \$459,000

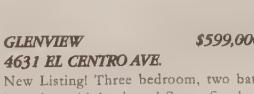
371 VERNON ST #3

New Listing! Wonderful 2BR/1BA Spanish townhouse with period details, hardwood floors, fireplace, remodeled kitchen & bath. Near Lake Merritt. Joanna Hirsch x1366

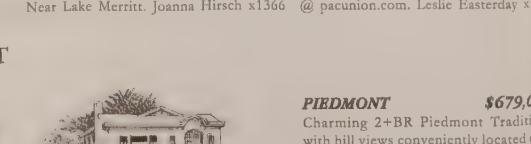
BERKELEY \$250,000

2550 DANA ST. #7C

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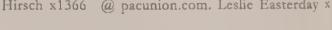


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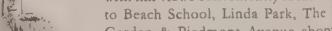
PIEDMONT \$679,000

Charming 2+BR Piedmont Tradition with hill views conveniently located close to Beach School, Linda Park, The Garden & Piedmont Avenue shopping. Sheila Gallagher x1383



PICTURE LOT \$225,000

Great development potential. Very buildable with moderate grade on northwest side of hill. Sols report available upon request. Peaceful vistas across Shepherd Canyon. Approximately 6,648 square feet. David Ichikawa x1378

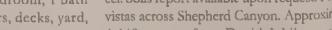


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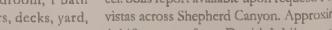
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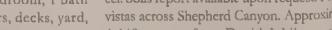
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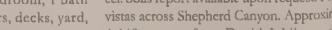
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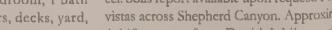
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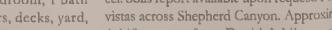
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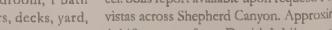
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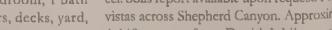
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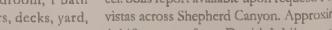
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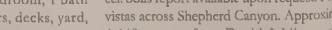
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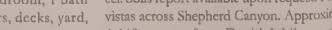
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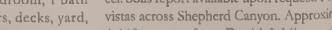
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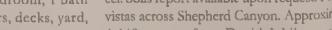
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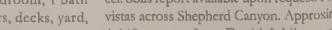
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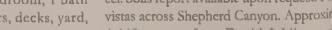
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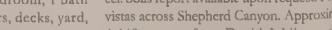
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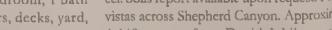
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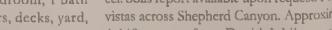
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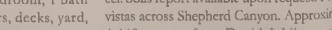
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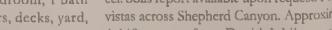
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A look at credit and your mortgage

Part two

In part one, we looked at credit scoring and how lenders make decisions about whether to extend credit for a home purchase or refinance based on the 300-850 FICO credit score ranking.

In this column, we'll look at interpreting credit scores and ways to improve them.

Fair Isaac and Company created the FICO scoring system and they use criteria such as payment history, amounts owed and types of credit in use to determine where you fall on the scale.

The low end indicates a poor credit risk and can determine whether or not a lender will make the loan. A credit score of 620 is often cited as a cutoff point for loans considered "A" paper and those that fall into the "sub-prime" market, where rates are higher.

There are now grades of paper, principally below the 620 line. These are referred to as A- or alt A, B or sub-prime, C and even D (you don't want to know).

Above the 620 line, everyone pretty much pays the same. Curiously, while lenders can penalize you for poorly managing credit, they don't much reward you for effectively and wisely managing your debt with any real degree of differentiation.

Having a 660 or an 850 means you qualify for an A loan, period. The difference between getting a rate on a lender's A loan program and the rate a sub-prime lender will offer will be worth tens of thousands of dollars over the life of the loan.

Interpreting your score

Your credit score lists up to four reasons why your score is not currently higher. These reasons can be very useful in helping determine how you might improve your score over time, and whether your credit report might contain errors.

Here are common explanations:

- Serious delinquency: you have one or more accounts with late payments

- Serious delinquency and public record of collection filed: you have one or more accounts that have gone to a collection agency
- Time since delinquency is too recent or unknown: you have one or more accounts recently past due
- Level of delinquency on accounts: your accounts are 60 to 90 days or more past due
- Number of accounts with delinquency: you have numerous past due accounts

- Amount owed on accounts: you have too much debt
- Proportion of balances to credit limits on revolving accounts is too high: your balance on credit cards is too high
- Length of time accounts have been established: your credit history is not long enough to show responsible credit management
- Too many accounts with balances: your overall debt load raises concerns



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Improving your score

There are no quick fixes for improving your credit score; however you can raise them over time by

See BALL, Page B12

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Architect designed chef's kitchen. Family/media room. 4+BR/3.5BA. Office. Guest/au-pair suite. Level gardens. Art-deco terraces. Hot tub & courtyard. Michael Friedman

**23 BELL WAVER WAY \$779,000**

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5901 LEONA STREET \$769,000

"Montclair environment" in Leona Heights. Stunning views, stylish home with 5 real bedrooms and 4 real bathrooms. Katherine Cooper/Mary Merrick

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Piedmont Pines treasure. Architect designed contemporary w/soaring ceiling, skylights, updated kitchen & baths. 2BR/2BA + multi-purpose bonus room w/billiard table. Debra J. Dryden

**3724 BALFOUR AVENUE \$727,000**

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Excellent location, just off Piedmont Ave. 2+BR/1.5BA & a plus room. Level garden w/beautiful lawns. Hardwood floors & living room w/fireplace. Kurt Buchholz

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180 CALDECOTT #219 \$495,000

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49 CANYON ROAD \$627,000

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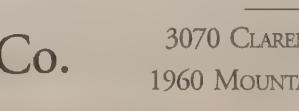
OAKLAND. Dramatic & sophisticated Claremont Pines home. Complete w/enchanting formal rooms, expansive kitchen w/breakfast room, family room, home office & 3-car garage. Terrace, gardens & pool. Debbi DiMaggio

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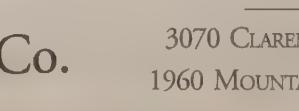
BERKELEY. WONDERFUL spacious home w/breathtaking Bay views. 4BR/3.5BA, study. Kitchen & breakfast room. Living & dining room lead to deck. Helene Barkin

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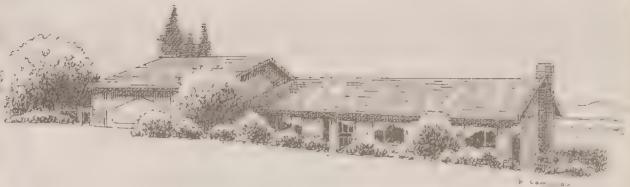
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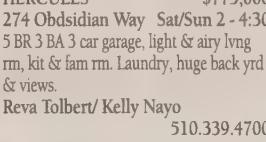
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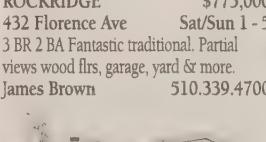
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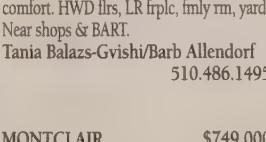
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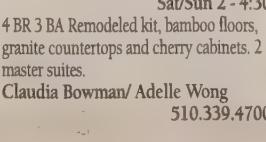
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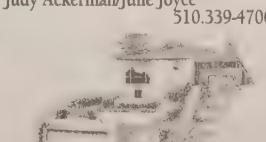
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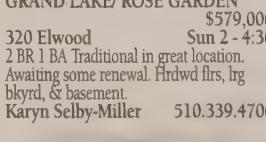
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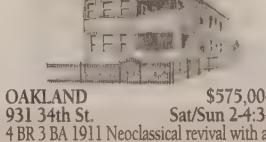
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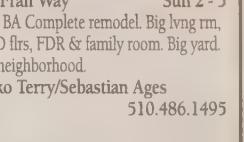


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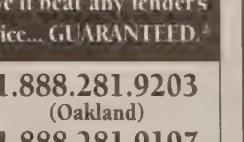
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SAN LEANDRO \$699,000**

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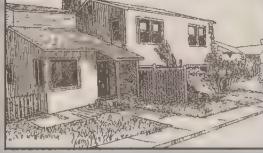
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Sunday 1-4 \$479,000
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Sunday 2-5 \$784,000
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Sunday 2-4:30 \$510,000
49 Cornwall Way. Beautiful End Unit w/pool view, 3BR/2.5BA, Fpl, patio.

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Sunday 2-4:30 \$1,950,000
5747 Buena Vista. Upper Rockridge, 4200 sq. ft. 5+BR/3.5BA traditional. Heidi Marchesotti (510) 339-9290

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Scott Thompson (510) 428-0900

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Kathleen Crandall (510) 868-1480

Sunday 2-4 \$639,000
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demonstrating that you consistently manage your finances responsibly. Here are things you can do now:

- Pay your bills on time. Start here, start now. Even if you've had serious delinquencies in the past, these will count less over time. Resolve to pay bills when they're due.

- Keep your credit cards, but manage them responsibly. In general, having credit cards and installment loans that you pay on time is good; they will actually raise your score.

- Keep credit card balances low. High outstanding debt can

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pull down your score. Have as many cards as you want, however, don't run them all up to their limits.

- Check your credit report for accuracy. There may be inaccurate information on your credit report that can be easily cleared up.

- Pay off debt rather than moving it around. The most effective way to improve your score is by simply paying down the amount you owe rather than consolidating many into one card.

- Don't open multiple accounts too quickly, especially if you have a short credit history. This can look risky because you are taking on a lot of possible debt. New accounts will also lower the average age of your existing accounts, something FICO also considers.

- Don't open new credit card accounts you don't need. Unnecessary cards can actually lower your score.

- Don't close an account to remove it from your record. A closed account will show up on your credit report and may be still factored into the score. In fact, closing accounts can sometimes hurt your score unless you also pay down your debt at the same time.

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Bill and Tracy, x33 **\$1,200,000**

**443 Beloit Ave., Kensington****Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30**

New listing! Romantic 2-bdrm, 1-bath redwood perch above the street w/sweeping S.F. Bay views. Wonderful indoor/outdoor quality with a quaint courtyard entrance, interior brick patio and sunny backyard.

Norah Brower, x26

\$585,000

**1255 Contra Costa Drive, El Cerrito****Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30**

Secluded Retreat! Wonderful view home near hiking trails. 4-bdrm, 2-bath with many special features. Large living room with random plank floors, elegant fireplace. Gourmet kitchen. Family/exercise room, hot tub, deck overlooking lush garden. Sunny, secluded patio. A must see!

Gay & Kay, x51 **\$899,000**

**2924 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley****Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00**

New listing! Lovely ground floor, spacious 1-bdrm condo in wonderful Brown Shingle. Updated kit, formal dining area w/fpl, inside laundry rm, plus space ideal for office or 3rd bdrm. Shared front yd & designated parking space. Seconds to Elmwood w/great stores, cafes & restaurants. Nr Alta Bates Whole Foods, BART & U.C. Shaws beautifully.

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Peter Dammin, x13

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817 Mendocino Avenue Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY \$1,395,000
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84 Vicente Road Open 2-4



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2/2 - Charming one-story on a corner lot in the Laurel District. Landscaped front yard, all on one level! Near shopping & easy freeway access.
2966 California Street Open 2-4



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796 Hillside Avenue Open 1:30-4



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176 Shuey Drive Open 1-4



ALBANY - NEW! \$585,000
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816 Curtis Street Open 2-4



BERKELEY - NEW! \$879,000
4/1 - Spacious, opens to deck and big sunny yard. Craftsman style, split-level, formal dining room, breakfast nook. Updated & painted.
1340 Josephine Street Open 2-4:30



OAKLAND - NEW! \$619,000
2/2 - Or 2 bedrooms with large dining room on deep lot. Grand living room, high ceilings. Could also be professional office.
6610 Shattuck Avenue Open 2-4:30



RICHMOND - NEW! \$549,000
3/2 - Good floorplan, fireplace, remodeled kitchen with granite countertops and tilework. Hardwood floors throughout!
1903 Tulare Avenue Open 2-4



BERKELEY - NEW! \$789,000
2+2/2 - Architect designed remodeled bungalow in terrific Thousand Oaks neighborhood. For photos go to www.redoakrealty.com.
644 Vicente Avenue Open 2-4



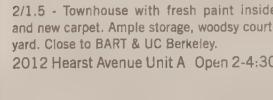
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DUPLEX - Sunny duplex with many original details; minutes to UC; generous parking; deep lot. Great opportunity.
2517 Piedmont Avenue Open 2-4



OAKLAND - NEW! \$389,000
2/1 - Victorian fixer in New Chinatown. Hand carved. Magnificent details. Hardwood floors, 11' ceilings, great floorplan. Tons of potential!
1341 E. 26th Street Open 2-4:30



WALNUT CREEK \$699,000
3/2 - Private & verdant with crown molding, hardwoods & decorator colors. Remodeled kitchen, 10,000 sq.ft. lot. Close to BART.
418 Mayhew Way Open 2-4



BERKELEY \$588,000
2/1.5 - Townhouse with fresh paint inside and new carpet. Ample storage, woodsy courtyard. Close to BART & UC Berkeley.
2012 Hearst Avenue Unit A Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY \$1,100,000
6/5 - 1st time offered in over 50 years. Four level Mediterranean view home. Hardwood floors, large in-law apartment, level yard, more.



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5/2 - Charming bungalow on lovely street near the Piedmont border. Bright & spacious with sunny deck, peaceful back yard.

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BERKELEY \$1,225,000
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BAY POINT \$360,000
2/1 - Cute starter with new paint, fireplace. Living room & kitchen fans complement river breeze. French doors to deck. Close to BART.

KENSINGTON \$653,900
2/1 - Gorgeous Mediterranean style bungalow. Hardwood floors, fireplace, finished basement with studio/bedroom space, garden.

KENSINGTON \$869,000
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OAKLAND \$545,000
OFFICE BUILDING - Delightful brown shingle building with 5 office units, 2 half baths, kitchen, workshop, parking.

ORINDA \$795,000
2/2 - Feel miles away in this peaceful woodsy setting, but a short stroll brings you to the heart of downtown Orinda. Fireplace, de-

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Inderwrits the event. For tickets call 510-748-0796 or visit www.museum.org.

Alameda Updates

The public is always welcome at a Forum Meeting sponsored by Alameda Association of Realtors. The meeting is 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 12, at the Garden Isle Community Center on Melrose Avenue in Alameda. Hear updates on Alameda business associations. Guests are encouraged to bring information on new listings. For ticket information contact Kristen McManam of AAR at 510-523-7229.

Colonial Revival

Experience the past, at the Meyers House & Garden, an 1897 treasure. The home was designed by May H. Meyers in the Colonial Revival style. The Meyers family maintained possession of the home for most one hundred years. This is Alameda's first and only true museum. Visit the house on fourth Saturday of the month, 1 p.m., call for House Tours costs information at 510-521-1247.

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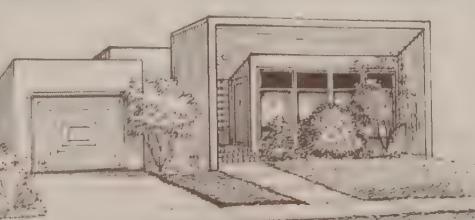
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encouraged to bring computer hardware/software questions. Learn more at www.bayeast.org.

WCR

Each year in July, area Women's Council of Realtor chapters get together for a cruise on the Bay. The San Francisco chapter hosts this event each year. For details ask your local chapter president. More WCR. The 2005 National Conference & Expo is planned for San Francisco, Oct. 26 to 30. Check it out at www.wcr.org.

THANKS

The Berkeley Association of Realtors wants to recognize Realtor and Affiliate members who volunteer and give back to the community. Association members who are making a difference can be nominated by contacting the BAR office. The Special Events Committee will judge the BAR Cares Awards. Presentations will be made at monthly membership luncheons. Mail your nomination to BAR at 1553 Martin Luther King Way, Berkeley 94709.

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TIDBITS

Frances Favroth launched a new company, Next Level Real Estate Sales & Investments, in downtown Oakland. Favroth is also the president of the WCR East Bay Chapter. Say congrats at 510-967-6661.

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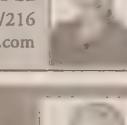
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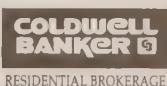
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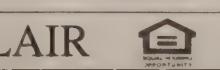
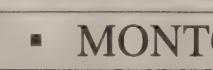
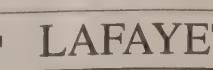
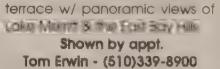
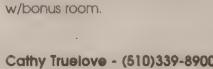
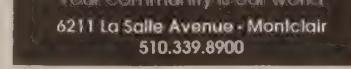
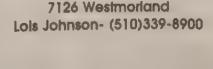
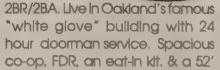
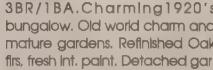
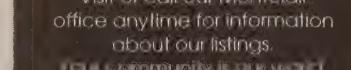
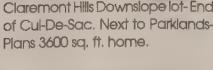
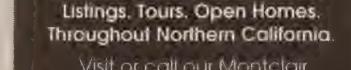
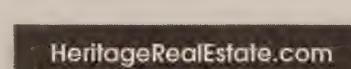
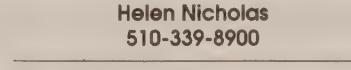
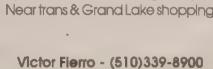
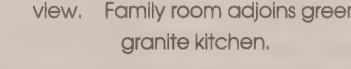
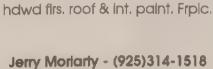
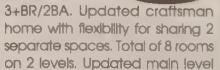
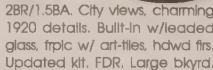
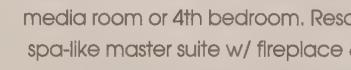
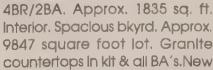
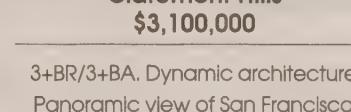
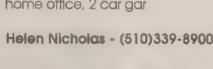
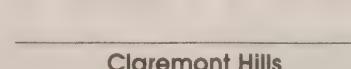
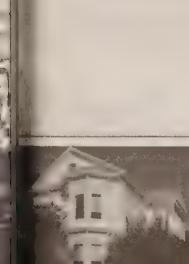
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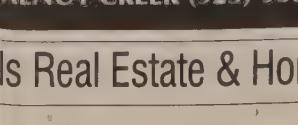
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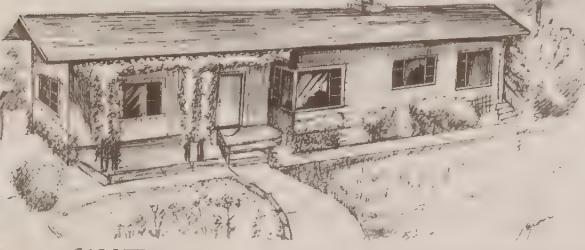
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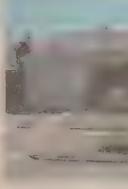
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LBANY-BERKELEY TING SOFTBALL

YARD METRO REGIONAL FASTPITCH TOURNAMENT HAYWARD-SAN LORENZO JUNE 25-26

Gender

Sting Gold 15, Alameda Blaze 3;
Sting Blue 15, Sting Gold 0; Sting Gold 9, Fremont Flyers 6; Sting Gold 7, San Lorenzo Lady Patriots Castro Valley Synergy 10, Sting Gold 2: In the first game of the tournament, Elena Jacobs-Pontecorvo went 4-for-4 with a double into deep center field plus three singles. Singles were by Allie Presher, Ellie Arkin, Katie Zoë Pollock and Maggie Di Costanzo. Costanzo hit a two-run home and a two-run double. Sting first baseman Fiona Riley caught three foul balls. Taylor Ivanchik came throughensively by catching two fly balls in center field.

Sting Gold's defense was unable to stop Sting Blue in the second game. An inside-the-park home run highlighted the start of the third game, which Fremont scored three runs. Sting Gold avoided further damage as right fielder Zoe Pollock caught four for the third out. Sting pitcher Riley struck out nine batters. Jacobs-Pontecorvo gave Sting Gold the lead in a hard hit up the middle to score in. Jacobs-Pontecorvo and Di Costanzo both hit triples. The game ended with center fielder Costanzo's triple play to first.

Game four was close, ending in a breaker. Jacobs-Pontecorvo made two double plays. Pitcher Marina Hunt took out six Lady Patriots and then Arkin tagged out a runner at the plate. Two triples by Costanzo, a home run by Tink and an RBI single by Riley helped even the score. Sting Blue won when Presher's single scored Jacobs-Pontecorvo.

In the final game, Sting Gold could overcome Synergy's early lead due to a valiant defense effort. Among the highlights were a diving catch by right fielder Carol Sturgeon and Hunter snagging a line drive. These were not enough, however, to prevent Sting Gold from being eliminated from the tournament.

Sting Blue 10, Pleasant Hill Panthers 9; Sting Blue 15, Sting Gold 0; Sting Blue 9, San Ramon Stompers

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DWLING RESULTS

Men's Bowl

Men's high game/series: 4
men: Tom Dierich, 299/1012; Brian Castellano, 299/997; Latorras, 276/975; Joel Sheehan, 276/938; Rob Denny, 268/952; Mike Ghee, 247/938; Larry Simpson, 236/893; Bobby Irwin, 279/921; Jason Ford, 265/921; Jason Willis, 220; Chris Salinas, 277/918; Matt Warren, 248/913; Dan August, 240; Noah Berger, 246/893; Sean Deane, 245/896; Rusty Greiner, 236; Jerry Ruffin, 254/893; Mike Nard, 278/886; Leroy Stanfield, 267/884; Jeff Cotton, 246/881; Ed Jones, 236/878; Lou Cabello, 271; Harry Chan, 238/867; Rich German, 236/863; Mario Caro, 231; Shawn Cole, 232/860, 3 men: Rob Denny, 267/728; Vern Ward, 247/684; John Loggins, 267; David Medina, 236/673; Joe King, 231/663; David Lawson, 265; Kevin Lemott, 247/655; Ed Santos, 235/649; Alex Greiner, 264; Diane Tompson, 234/645; Torrence, 255/645; Don August, 244; Gigi Cast, 246/644; Joe and, 226/642; Clayborn Madison, 260

Women's high game/series: 4
men: Brittany Tieney, 223/826; Anna Lemons, 224/767, 3 games: Greiner, 248/622; Pat Bowden, 194; Guadalupe Santos, 209/551; Anna Montuya, 209/551; Kathy Thompson, 191/545; Brenda James, 192/542.

Senior men's high game/series:
men: Mulder/202; Gene Clay, 247/165; John Eskridge, 250; Curtis Thompson, 236/587; Ed Cochran, 238/581.

Senior women's high game/series:

Vicki Jobe, 202/565; Ouida Lee, 195/500; Del Thomas, 195/486; Gail Essex, 195/486; Marie and, 161/474; Iva Shanks, 193.

Amateur Bowlers Tour

Holiday Bowl (June 11-12): 1. Kealohapauao, Hayward, 254, 2. David Kintley, Rohnert Park, 250, 3. Isom Anderson, Folger, \$90; Yolanda Piggee, 596, \$55; Jun Santos, Vallejo, 155; Rowen Demess, Antioch, 155; Rolly Castillo, Berkeley, 155. (June 19-20): 1. Marvin Oakland, 636, \$600; 2. Anita Luvisi, Fairfield, 181, \$300; 3. Perry, Hayward, 403, \$130; Anita Engelbarths, San Pablo, 201, \$130; Moore, San Pablo, 188, \$130; Rolly Castillo, Berkeley, 601, \$130; James Engelbarths, San Pablo, 180; Felix Farish, Oakland, 591, \$65; Sally Rice, Antioch, 591, \$65; Cuaresma, Richmond, 567, Jeffrey Ong Jr., Berkeley, 485,



DEAN COPPOLA/STAFF

THE ALBANY Junior League All-Stars' Geoff Mahley (5) tries to avoid a tag by Clayton Valley's Kyle Sullivan during Albany's 20-2 tournament victory Friday.

Albany Junior League stars on a roll

Local team wins three straight to stay alive in District 4 Tournament

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

The Albany Junior League Baseball All-Star team showed in the California District 4 International Tournament that it knows how to win both blowouts and close games, as it advanced in the losers' bracket with three victories.

"We're playing good. We're having fun. We're getting better every game," said Albany manager Anthony Freeman on Tuesday.

David Shor had an RBI single down the left-field line to start the scoring in the second inning.

Jamal Freeman and Connor

After a 14-8 win over Walnut Creek on June 29, Albany easily defeated Clayton Valley 20-2 on Friday and broke open a tie game in the seventh inning for a 7-3 victory over Concord American on Tuesday. Results of Albany's game against Pinole-Hercules on Wednesday were unavailable at press time.

In Friday's win, Albany took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on an RBI single by Geoff Mahley, then broke open the game with seven runs in the second inning for an 8-0 advantage at Pinole Valley Park.

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Freeberg also had RBI singles in the inning, as 11 Albany batters came to the plate.

Albany sent 16 batters to the plate in the third inning, when it scored nine runs. In a half-inning that was dominated by walks and errors, the key hit was a bases-loaded double by Dylan Mattingly that drove in three runs.

Albany's Cole Goodman threw two scoreless innings to start the game, which went five

innings because of the 10-run rule.

Jamel Freeman was 3-for-4 with two runs scored and two RBI.

Shor was 2-for-2 with two runs scored and three RBI. Mark Arakaki was 2-for-2 with two runs scored and two RBI.

On Tuesday, Albany defeated

Concord American in a close game at Caldecott Field in Oakland.

In the top of the seventh, Mattingly led off with a single and stole second. Jamel Freeman walked and Freeberg then hit a two-run double into the right-center field gap after a long at-bat. "He had an eight- or nine-pitch at-bat," Anthony Freeman said. Mahley then walked and John Chang was hit by a pitch to load the bases.

With two outs, Marco Santos hit a two-run single to end the scoring. Noah Klein-Markham pitched the last four innings, allowing one unearned run.

"He just threw a good game, a lot of pop-ups and ground balls. He was around the plate the

whole time," Anthony Freeman said.

Albany scored in the first inning when Mahley hit a two-run home run over the left-field fence. Concord American came back with two runs in the third inning and a run in the fourth inning for a 3-2 lead. In the top of the fifth inning, Jamel Freeman hit an RBI double to the left-field fence to tie the score at three.

In the fourth inning, Santos hit a double off the left-center field fence but was stranded. Albany's Kenji Quides was also stranded after hitting a triple off the left-center field fence in the sixth inning.

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FISHING REPORT

PACIFIC OCEAN

Robert Gallia of the charter boat El Dorado said the Berkeley salmon fleet continued to fish the area around Half Moon Bay last weekend with good success, despite the rough weather. The fish moved between 50-80 feet and some of the Berkeley skippers elected to try mooching, feeling it would be more effective. Unfortunately, the fish were too scattered throughout the area. Action was good for those able to locate and set up on the small pockets of bait.

Overall the scores were mixed, from under a fish a rod to over a fish a rod with the salmon ranging between 10 and 18 pounds. On Sunday, Gallia elected to try trolling around the Duxbury area. The first fish (weighing over 33 pounds) was landed within the first 20 minutes. Throughout the rest of the day, they landed 19 fish for 11 anglers aboard. Ten of the 19 salmon were over 15 pounds. The feed in the area was stacked from top to bottom, setting perfect conditions for the afternoon mooching trips offered this weekend. For more information, visit Berkelymarinaspotfishing.com.

THE BAYS

SAN FRANCISCO: James Smith of the charter boat California Dawn has had success fishing the Berkeley Flats the past few days. On Saturday they caught 39 bass and two cabazone and on Sunday they netted 50 bass and two leopard sharks. On Tuesday, they caught 23 bass and two leopard sharks and on Wednesday, the 17 anglers aboard caught 17 bass in the Berkeley Flats and Angel Island before going up the Marin Coast to catch 56 ling cod and 240 rock fish. Smith took that same route over the past few days, netting rock fish and ling cod on every trip.

Jim Smith has had the charter boat Happy Hooker in the central bay near Alcatraz over the past few days and came home with limits every time. On Sunday they caught 48 bass for 24 anglers along with five halibut and on Monday they

had 19 limits of bass and three halibut. On Tuesday they caught 12 limits of bass to 12 pounds, five leopard sharks and five halibut to 20 pounds. On Wednesday, they had 19 limits of rock cod and nine ling cod.

SAN PABLO: Kathi Fujita of the charter boat New Keesa said bass and halibut fishing continue to be very good with limits of stripers being had in the Southhampton area. Dustin Voukater caught the largest halibut. Just outside the Golden Gate at Diablo Point, the New Keesa took limits of rock fish.

SUSIN: Jordona Santiago of Martinez Bait & Tackle reported fair fishing this week as wind and small tides persist. The tides should improve this week. The sturgeon are being marked in scattered areas of the Mothball Fleet, nowhere in big concentrations. Stripers are again being seen in the low 20-inch range with grass shrimp, ghost shrimp and pile worms effective.

Catching sturgeon were Damien Walters, 10, of Concord (30 pounds, 46 inches — his first) at Buoy 4 with grass shrimp, Tammy Kelly of San Jose (53 inches, 33 pounds) at Buoy 4 on grass shrimp, Richard Retzer of Pinole (54 inches, 51 pounds) at the first row of ships on grass shrimp, Steve Meier of Concord (51 inches, 33 pounds) out in front of the Martinez marina on grass shrimp. Catching stripers were Chris Barawod of Martinez (20 inches, 5 pounds) from the Martinez shoreline on anchovies and Steve Clark of Martinez (22 inches) at the third row on ghost shrimp.

THE RIVERS

SACRAMENTO RIVER, REDDING: Kirk Portocarrero of Outdoor Adventures Sport Fishing said fishing for rainbow trout is fantastic with 2-6 pounds being caught all throughout the day. The best time to fish is at night using mackerel and chicken livers. Tyrone White has caught weekly limits using nymphs. Spin fishing is good using gill bugs and crickets.

FEATHER RIVER, OROVILLE:

Portocarrero said anglers are catching a few king salmon as low water flows have made fishing tougher. The water level should rise again after this week. Anglers are using flatfish lures and bouncing roe.

THE DELTA

David Dutra of Gotcha! Bait and Tackle in Antioch said a few 19-25 inch stripers are being caught on shad and anchovies at Chain Island and Sherman Lake, while sturgeon are being had at Broad Slough, Chain Island, Power Lines, Big Cut and Little Cut on grass and ghost shrimp. Black bass can be had at Orwood's Resort, Big Break and Frank's Tract on minnows and nightcrawlers and catfish are being caught at Contra Loma Reservoir, Whiskey Slough and Orwood's on clams and mackerel. Perch are also being had at Discovery Bay, Frank's Tract and Holland Tract.

Jacob Benner of Antioch caught a 6.75-pound carp at Sherman Island, William Valenzuela of Antioch caught a 30-pound sturgeon on shrimp on the Sacramento River, Aaron Washington caught a 9-pound striped bass on the Rio Vista Bridge and Ike Cuarezma caught a 25-pound striped bass at the Antioch Bridge.

LAKE CHABOT, CASTRO VALLEY

LEY: The staff at Lake Chabot reported that trout fishing has slowed down with the warmer weather. They tend to hang out in the cooler water by the dam about 25-40 feet down. Garrett Bellar caught his limit by trolling flashers and PowerBait early in the morning. Patience is the key. Bass action has picked up with a lot of fish in the 2-3 pound range with the best baits being crankbaits and plastic worms. Try Alder Point, Bass Cove and Raccoon Point.

Fishing for catfish is the best bet during the summer months with many limits being caught all throughout the day. The best time to fish is at night using mackerel and chicken livers. Tyrone White has caught weekly limits using nymphs. Spin fishing is good using gill bugs and crickets.

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Oakland's Martin Loze and family have caught several stringers full of catfish while fishing in Honker Bay.

LOS VAQUEROS, BRENTWOOD:

The staff at Los Vaqueros said anglers need longer casts from the shore to catch trout. While the water isn't as warm as other Bay Area bodies of water, it's still warmer than what trout will be most active in. Some anglers reported success using green PowerBait with others still using the worm and marshmallow combo. Both methods have had good success. The majority of the fish seem to be coming from Oak Point, about 100 yards to the left or right.

The cove directly across from the marina seems to be yielding a good amount of trout. Boats using flashers and Kastmasters have been reporting limits, noting that none of the fish have been of fantastic size. Trollers have reported bites from 10 feet all the way down to 25, so having the ability to adjust your depth is crucial.

Largemouth bass action picked up around Oak Point last week. Some action came from the shore and the dock while the rest was seen by anglers dropping short from their boats. Los Vaqueros bass are not gigantic, but they put up a good fight according to some. Being a catch and release angler right now is a big part of letting the population develop into big, healthy fish.

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YOUTH RESULTS

BASEBALL

The El Cerrito Youth Baseball 9 and 10-year-old all-star team extended its unbeaten streak to 14 games by winning the San Bruno Fourth of July Tournament championship. El Cerrito never trailed during any of its six tournaments.

In the championship game against host San Bruno Green, El Cerrito manufactured a run in the first inning when Luke DiGiovanni singled, stole two bases and scored on a sacrifice by Nathan Miller. San Bruno tied the game in the second inning and the score remained 1-1 until a single by Saba Fazeli in the fourth inning drove in Miller and Walter Tucker.

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11-YEAR-OLD

The Albany 11-year-old All-Star team advanced to Thursday's winners' bracket final of the California District 4 International Tournament with a 10-3 victory over South Oakland on Tuesday at Albany's University Village South Field.

The result of Thursday's game, which pitted Albany against Martinez, was not available at press time.

On Tuesday, Albany starting pitcher Jesse Santos allowed only four hits and limited South Oakland to three runs in five innings of work. He struck out seven batters and at one point retired nine in a row between the first and fourth innings.

Santos also had the eventual game-winning RBI in the third inning on a two-out double to deep left field. Daniel Supple and Paul Kennedy followed with back-to-back home runs to give Santos a four-run lead.

Supple also had a two-run sin-

gle in the bottom of the fourth inning to give Albany a 7-0 lead. Nick Lamb drove in Jacob Kermish-Wells for Albany's fifth run. Kermish-Wells, Lamb and Santos also drove in runs in the bottom of the fifth inning after South Oakland scored three runs in the top of the inning.

Albany's Zachary Chiang then retired the side in order in the sixth inning. Albany had strong infield play in the game. Kermish-Wells snared a line drive in the fourth inning, and Luke Rose and Supple made key plays at first and third base, respectively.

The Albany 11-year-old All-Stars advanced to Tuesday's game with a 12-4 victory over Alameda #2 on June 29. The game was called in the middle of the fifth inning because of heavy smoke from a nearby fire, according to tournament director Paul Kennedy.

Albany trailed 3-0 after one inning but scored 10 runs in the second inning. Rose paced Albany with two hits and three RBI. Kennedy and Garrett Freeberg also had two hits. Kennedy scored twice in the second inning, and Lamb and Kermish-

Wells also scored twice.

Supple had the big hit in the 10-run second inning with a two-run single to left-center. Tom Miller and Rick Gentry also drove in runs in the second inning.

Relief pitcher Gabriel Scaglione limited Alameda #2 to

one run in four innings on the mound. Playing right field in the first inning, Scaglione threw out a runner at second base. In the fourth inning, he caught a line drive and doubled-up a runner on first base. Middle infielders Lamb and Kermish-Wells also made sharp plays defensively.

9-10 YEAR OLD

At press time, Albany's 9-10 year old All-Star team is alive in the 9-10 year old California District 4 International Tournament and faced North Oakland on Wednesday in a losers' bracket game. The result of the game was not available at press time.

Albany opened the tournament with a 13-10 victory over Clayton Valley #2 on June 27. Albany then defeated Alameda #1 10-4 on June 29 before being edged 7-6 by Martinez #2 on Tuesday.

The fourth game was a rematch of the first. A strong Sting bid to even the score with Stomper West fell short despite Lubin-Brown's strong pitching performance. Allowing only three runs on his three through six innings, Lubin-Brown struck out eight. Moore walked, stole second and scored on Cohen's hit. The score remained 1-0 until the third, when the Stompers broke through for two runs. In a rally attempt in the fifth, Obstfeld put down a nuke but, as the Stomper catcher's strong throw got Obstfeld at first.

14-under

Livermore Smoke Red 12, Sting Blue 3: Sting Blue's second tournament game was marked by defensive highlights that included swift putouts by third baseman Abby Ridley-Kerr, shortstop Kalie McDonald, second baseman Helen Masson and first baseman Lila Hubbard. Masson and McDonald made particularly spectacular snags of line drives. Catcher Joanna Heyer threw to McDonald to nail a runner attempting to steal third base. Offensively, Ridley-Kerr bunted her way on base twice, one of those bunts scoring Hubbard in the process. Elizabeth Tulsky provided solid pitching with four strikeouts. Tulsky also contributed offensively with a couple of solid base hits. Recuperating player Giselle Moreno scored while courtesy running for Tulsky. Emily Feng stole home after being walked.

10-under

San Ramon Stompers West 9,

Sting Blue 1; San Ramon Stompers 6, Sting Blue 0: Sting Blue finished third in the tournament. Starting out strong, Sting combined three-hit pitching by Kelsey Murakami with two early runs in the win over Pleasant Hill. Lisie Dohner and Marisa Budlong provided the early offense. Dohner tripled in Diana Fong, and Budlong singled in Dohner.

Next up was a bittersweet victory over sister team Sting Gold. A victory over the perennially tough San Ramon Stompers proved to be the game of the season. Poor defense put Sting in a 5-0 hole until a running catch in left field by Corey Chin closed the inning. San Ramon stretched the lead to 8-0 before the Sting bats awoke. Trailing 8-6, Sabina Khan began the winning three-run rally with a double. Sara Muse sealed the game with three innings of shutout relief, and a final knockout on a changeup.

The semifinal pitted the only undefeated teams, the Pleasanton Phantom and Sting Blue. Despite leadoff singles by Maddie Cousins and Dohner, and a leadoff triple by Krista Smithers, Sting was never able to score. Then, needing to beat the Stompers again to make the finals in

Sasha Kramer's strong pitching led the Sting to victory over Stompers East in the second game. In her 4½ innings, Kramer struck out 13, relying on her defense for only one out. After walks for Cohen, Anansa Ridley and Baker, Lubin-Brown knocked a double to score two runs. Clara Obstfeld's grounder drove in another run. Walks to Lila Rosenfeld and Brooke Tannahill were followed by Anna Moore's RBI single to center. Sting batted around and scored seven more runs thanks to singles by Obstfeld, Kramer, Baker and Moore.

week. Oddly enough, they were biting on PowerBait. Plastic worms and Rat-L-Traps seemed to work as well. The whole south end of the lake seems to be the place to go for bass. The Main Rec., the shore behind the dock and Scow Canyon seem to the most active areas for bass. The Tower has picked back up as the hot spot for catfish. Chicken liver or nightcrawlers remain the two best baits. Catfish are active at night but will bite most anytime of day, especially in the afternoon. They respond well to warm weather and should continue to be a presence throughout the summer.

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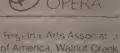
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FOOTBALL

■ Richmond Steelers - Signups for players and cheerleaders ages 6-14 for Fall season, July 11 and 18, 6-8 p.m., Manzanita Middle School, Richmond (behind St. Luke's church), \$40 registration fee, \$250 total cost. 510-222-3693. Visit www.leagueup.com/richmond-steers.

■ Alameda High School - Full contact skills camp for incoming freshman, July 11-14, 1-4 p.m., Thompson Field, Alameda. Kevin Hennessee 925-708-7504, Kevin McKenna 510-769-7126. Visit www.homeschool.org.

SOCCER

■ San Pablo Lady Cyclones - 19U girls class III team looking to fill out roster for 2005 fall season. Players must be born between Aug. 1, 1986 and July 31, 1990. Victor, 510-697-2245.

■ Contra Costa College - Contra Costa College women's soccer team will host a girls soccer clinic 5:30-8 p.m. July 18-21 at the college fields, 2600 Mission Bell Drive, San Pablo. Open to ages 7-14. \$65. Benefits the Contra Costa College women's soccer team. Call for registration form.

Felicia Perez, 510-235-7800 ext. 4405 or fperez@contracosta.edu.

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■ Laney College — Looking for assistant baseball coach. Deadline for applications Aug. 15. Contact Francisco Zapata, 510-464-3476, Laney-coaches@yahoo.com

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De Anza High School

for girls water polo head coach, varsity girls and boys volleyball coach, varsity girls basketball coach, junior varsity boys and girls soccer head coaches, junior varsity softball head coach and assistant softball coach. Mail, fax or letter of introduction, resume and three letters of recommendation to Son Krolkowski, Athletic Director, De Anza High School, 5000 Valley Rd., Richmond, CA, 94801. Fax 223-7984, 510-223-3811 ext. DAAthletics@aol.com.

El Cerrito High School

for junior varsity girls volleyball coach. Season runs Aug. 15-Nov. 15. Fax resume to 510-536-0376. Jackson, 510-332-5947.

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THE ADVENTURES OF SHARKY AND LAVAGLIAL IN 3-D: In this adventure, karate-kicking sharky and fire-spewing LavaGirl enlist Sir Max to save their magical land, now controlled by an evil presence led by his henchman, Mr. Electric George Lopez. Unfortunately, in its story was dreamed up by director Robert Rodriguez's young son, and although Dad gave the screenwriter a final polish, it's still clearly the brat of a child — full of imagination, utterly lacking in character development, pacing and narrative construction. — R. Butler. (PG: mild action, some rude humor.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. D

PRES VOUS!: In this French comedy, Daniel Auteuil plays a water whoops a man from committing suicide if then feels obligated to solve all his problems. He discovers that being a Good Samaritan has its price, amicably charming and peppered with a couple of hilarious scenes, but ultimately the premise wears very thin. — M. Pols. (R: language.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. C+

BATMAN BEGINS: Director Christopher Nolan supplies the backstory behind not just the Batmobile, but the very psyche of the Caped Crusader. The story starts slowly and temporarily gets bogged down in psychological drivel before turning to a very dark and fun action movie. Christian Bale is a natural, just weird enough to be the best Batman yet, and the strong supporting cast in-

cludes a lovely turn by Michael Caine as the trusted butler Alfred, as well as Morgan Freeman as gadget man Lucius Fox. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense action violence, disturbing images and some thematic elements.) 2 hours, 10 minutes. B+

BEWITCHED: Disappointing, but what did we expect? The sitcom's based on what magic is in its own time, and though director Nora Ephron, who also directed the script, tries to inject new energy, she's defeated by a plot that has nowhere to go. Moreover, Nicole Kidman, channeling Meg Ryan cuteness and doing a breathy Marilyn Monroe voice, is nowhere near as endearing as our beloved Samantha. Will Ferrell has some fun moments. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some language, including sex and drug references, partial nudity.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. C

CATERINA IN THE BIG CITY: This smart, sassy, compassionate film invites the audience to recognize the universal in its sharply perceptive view of contemporary Roman life. Caterina, a lovely, intelligent teenager from the provinces, winds up, through the efforts of her father, in a vast and venerable school in Rome, whose students' parents are among the country's elite. — K. Thomas. (Not rated: some language, sensuality, adult themes; in Italian with subtitles.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. A-

CINDERELLA MAN: An out-of-season treat. Russell Crowe is in Oscar-worthy form as the humble boxer Jim Braddock, who, like Seabiscuit, provided inspiration for Americans during the Depression. The film was directed by Ron Howard, whose interest in inspiration tends to grate. Yes, this is like "A Beautiful Mind," an inspirational story, but Howard excels in telling of Braddock's gloomier times; that's the material that sticks and, thankfully, it's never maudlin. Paul Giamatti is winning in the role of Braddock's trainer, with Renee Zellweger as the boxer's devoted wife. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense boxing violence, some language.) 2 hours, 22 minutes. A-

CRASH: In the course of 24 hours, a group of Los Angeles residents wrestle with the demons of racism. Writer/director Paul Haggis (screenwriter of "Million Dollar Baby") wants to provoke a serious discourse, a noble goal. But the movie is heavy-handed, and, despite some brilliant scenes and strong acting from a great ensemble, is riddled with mis-

takes, particularly coincidences that border on the absurd. Ultimately, Haggis insults his audience by assuming he has to instruct us on everything about racism, as if merely to be alive in America today weren't already a prime. Still, flaws and all, well worth seeing. — M. Pols. (R: language, sexual content, some language.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. B-

ENRON: THE SMARTEST GUYS IN THE ROOM: An eye-opening film that puts the whole Enron scandal into focus. One that will likely have you stomping about afterward in righteous indignation at the crimes perpetrated by these corporate swindlers. Cleverly done, too, with a terrific soundtrack. — M. Pols. (NR) 1 hour, 49 minutes. B+

5x2: Marion and Gills sit in a lawyer's office, calmly listening to the terms of their divorce, then repair to a hotel room for one final bout of bad sex. This is the story of a couple's relationship, told backward from their divorce to their courtship. Director Francois Ozon ("Swimming Pool"), sets it up like a divorce mystery, in which what happened to their love will be eventually revealed in the final moments of the film. — C. Chocano. (R: language, strong graphic sexuality, adult themes; in Italian with subtitles.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B-

HAPPILY EVER AFTER: Everyone may be miserable in this funny, ribald, unexpectedly profound tale of two married men and their bachelor friend, but the joke and the tragedy is that they don't have to be. The mysterious fickleness of men is the dominant subject, and the movie is at its unneeling best when it nails the separate lives of people who live together. Things so on too long, with one or two false peaks before an impishly ambiguous ending. — T. Burr. (Not rated: language, adult sexuality; in French with subtitles.) 1 hour, 29 minutes. D

HEIGHS: This ensemble drama, set during one day in Manhattan, focuses on an engaged couple who probably shouldn't get married. As predictable as the process of unraveling connections and secrets is, the movie is clever and absorbing enough to overcome its familiar structure. Plus, performances from the marvelous Glenn Close as a drama diva, Elizabeth Banks as her daughter and James Marsden hold our attention. Look for Rufus Wainwright in a languidly entertaining cameo. — M. Pols. (R: language, brief sexuality and language.) 2 hours, 22 minutes. A-

CRASH: In the course of 24 hours, a group of Los Angeles residents wrestle with the demons of racism. Writer/director Paul Haggis (screenwriter of "Million Dollar Baby") wants to provoke a serious discourse, a noble goal. But the movie is heavy-handed, and, despite some brilliant scenes and strong acting from a great ensemble, is riddled with mis-

nitude.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. B

HERBIE: FULLY LOADED: Lindsay Lohan plays the famed VW Bug's new owner, Maggie Peyton, a recent college graduate with fantasies of being a NASCAR driver. The film floats by on a pleasant cloud of nostalgia, partly for the Herbie some of us loved as kids, partly for the lost youth of Lohan, seen here in all her curvy, red-headed loveliness before her recent transformation to blond stick figure. — M. Pols. (G) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B-

THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY: Since Douglas Adams came up with the core story for this series in 1978, it has evolved from a radio play to a series of novels, a TV show and more. Serious fans may have quibbles, but as a newcomer, I found this bit of comic science fiction witty, silly (in a good way) and cheering. A good-natured space romp for the whole family. — M. Pols. (PG: thematic elements, action and mild language.) B+

THE HONEYMOONERS: Despite a valiant attempt to bring the Kramdens and Nortons into the 21st century with a new twist — an all-black cast — this remake of the 1950s sitcom still feels woefully outdated. Do we really want to sit through the incessant and inane bickering of the Kramdens or, for that matter, watch Ralph (Cedric the Entertainer) embroiled in a series of unfunny quests to get rich quick? Mike Epps makes a sweet Ed Norton and John Leguizamo extracts the precious few laughs in this dull enterprise. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some violence, some sexual content and brief strong language.) 2 hours, 8 minutes. B-

KICKING & SCREAMING: Will Ferrell's performance as a coach who whips a team of pre-adolescent soccer misfits into shape is bright

enough to light up an overly familiar feel-good story. The actor has the ability to generate sudden flashes of humor, such as when his character, a reluctant youth league soccer coach, is experiencing long-suspected rage at his father (Robert Duvall), a bulky man who coaches a far more successful squad. — M. O'Sullivan. (PG: crude humor, language.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. D

MADAGASCAR: DreamWorks' latest computer-animation suffers from narrative and character malnutrition, but has enough wordplay, visual gags and character nonsense to keep us chuckling and occasionally roaring. A hippo, giraffe and lion give chase when their friend Marty the zebra (Chris Rock) escapes the Central Park Zoo. They wind up washed ashore on a tropical island, where they befriend a tribe of partying lemurs and face Alex the lion's emerging carnivorous instincts. — R. Butler. (PG: mild language, crude humor, language.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B

KUNG FU HUSTLE: Writer-director Stephen Chow has created a hyper-anime fantasy world that honors kung fu movies as it satirizes them, and the similarities between it and a cartoon are entirely intentional. He samples classic comedy and neopop-infected sci-fi to come up with something that looks like the Marx Brothers meet "The Matrix." — B. Newman. (R: strong stylized action, violence; in Cantonese and Mandarin with subtitles.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. B

LADIES IN LAVENDER: A meditation on loneliness and missed opportunities that urges us, gently, to live a little. The great actresses Judi Dench and Maggie Smith play elderly sisters who discover a young Polish man (Daniel Bruhl) washed up on the shore near their Cornwall cottage sometime between the Great Wars. Each becomes possessive of him and they bicker mightily over his care. With Natascha McElhone as a beautiful Russian artist who encroaches on their territory. — M. O'Sullivan. (PG: some mild references to sex and violence.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B+

MARCH OF THE PENGUINS: A stunningly beautiful documentary about the mating habits of Emperor penguins. Makes you feel like a kid again — curious, excited and enraptured by a story that has nothing to do with humans, not to mention Morgan Freeman narrating in his sooth-

ing, rich-as-caramel voice. The only unfortunate aspect is the way director Luc Jacquet anthropomorphizes the birds, incorporating human ideals of love into the screenplay. It's unnecessary; the remarkable story of the penguins can stand alone. Still, this is the perfect family movie. — M. Pols. (G) 1 hour, 20 minutes. B+

LAND OF THE DEAD: If a zombie went after Donald Trump, whose side would you be on? It's a tricky question, the kind on which George Romero's thrilling, intelligent shocker hinges. Yes, it's gruesome, exciting and grimly funny, but mostly the film sticks with you because of its clever subtext: The human survivors are mostly haves, walled up in a swank skyscraper, and the zombies are have-nots, tired of toiling to make the rich richer. — C. Hewitt. (R: gruesome violence, strong language, topless scenes.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. B+

LAYER CAKE: Another British movie about a gangster itching to get out of the business, stymied by "one last job." Fast-paced and glamorous in the most boring way, its chief reason for being is as a showcase for Daniel Craig, a potential new James Bond. Given that he keeps us semi-

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pecially when it comes to getting naturalistic performances out of children. However, some may find her style too precious, and others will (rightly) challenge the tastefulness of a subplot involving Internet sex chat. — M. Polis. (R: disturbing sexual content involving children, and for language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B

"MR. & MRS. SMITH": Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie face off in this high-gloss, high-caliber domestic squabble. Husband and wife are both assassins, but it's only after John Smith tries to kill the same bad guy his wife is gunning for that they learn each other's secret. The great screen chemistry between Pitt and Jolie and the movie's treatment of marriage as the ultimate form of combat makes it the entertainment bauble it is. — B. Newman (PG-13: violence, sex, partial nudity.) 1 hour, 59 minutes. B

"MYSTERIOUS SKIN": Two boys, at 18, remember very different formative traumas from when they were 8. Incidentally gay Neil was mostly thrilled to get his coach's "special attention," while Brian is sure he was abducted by aliens for five otherwise unaccountable hours. "Skin" shows a deep compassion and almost delicate imagination, but the subject — pederasty and how that affects its young victims' development — could alarm some viewers. — B. Strauss. (Not rated: sex, children in jeopardy, nudity, language, violence, drug use.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. B+

"MY SUMMER OF LOVE": A rich girl and a working-class girl from Yorkshire spend a steamy summer falling in love. We know this coming-of-age story likely won't result in a happily-ever-after, but the joy in Pawel Pawlikowski's film is in the unpredictable performances of the luminous Sissy Spacek look-alike Natalie Press as the tough Yorkshire teen and the haughty Emily Blunt as the privileged Tamsin. — M. Polis. (R: sexuality, language and some drug use.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. B+

"THE PERFECT MAN": Summer fare for the modern American family. A high school student (Hilary Duff) struggles with her single mother's (Heather Locklear) propensity to hook up with loser men. She concocts a dream suitor for her mom, based on her friend's handsome Uncle Ben (Chris Noth). Contains all the conventions of teen drama, including the perfect boy for Duff, but there's an underlying sensitivity to this story that really works. — M. Polis. (R: sexuality, language and some drug use.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. B-

"REBOUND": Martin Lawrence is Coach Roy, a hotheaded college coach whose temper abruptly ends his career. Except for a little escape clause; if he can prove himself, coaching wherever somebody will have him, he will be reinstated. Who will hire him? The kids at his old Mount Vernon Middle School, 13-year-olds who haven't scored all season, that's who. With the usual motley crew of hotdogs, nerds, hefty boys and tough girls, the new gig becomes spiritual rebirth for the beleaguered coach. — R. Moore. (PG: mild language, thematic elements.) 1 hour, 27 minutes. C-

"RIZE": A documentary about the evolution of a dance form in South Central Los Angeles. Spurred by the Rodney King riots, "clowning" and its offshoot, "krumping," are aggressive, angry, sexual and phenomenally energetic. But fashion photographer David LaChapelle treats it too superficially, leaving unanswered questions about its practitioners in favor of long stretches of nothing more than recorded movement. — M. Polis. (PG-13: suggestive content, drug references, language and brief nudity.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. B-

"SAVING FACE": This amiable romantic comedy follows Wil, a Chinese-American woman who attempts to carry on a cautious affair with Vivian. Complicating things is Wil's homophobe mother (Joan Chen), who discovers she is pregnant at 48 and, disgraced, moves in with Wil. The movie is at its weakest when it succumbs to sentimental sitcom conventions, and unfortunately, it forfeits its credibility at a wedding finale with a series of instant solutions. — S. Holden. (R: sexual situations, brief nudity.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B-

"SIN CITY": Shot in black-and-white, this movie springs off the screen just as the noir comic books by Frank Miller it is adapted from. So visually exciting that you can't turn away, even when all that's happening onscreen is the relentless reduction of skull and brain matter into pulp. So cool it could almost give you frostbite. Star-studded, but also deliberately offensive, pointless and emotionally hollow; it's about nothing at all, serving only as a celebration of violence. — M. Polis. (R: extreme violence, language, sexuality.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. B-

"SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS": It may sound like a cousin to "The Ya-Ya Sisterhood," but this "Sisterhood" is much better. Based on the popular teen novel of the same name, it stars Alexis Bledel (of "Gilmore Girls") and others as four dear friends who share a pair of jeans that magically fits them all. The movie confronts issues young people can relate to: image anxiety, melding families in the age of divorce and how cynicism hampers the heart. — M. Polis. (PG: thematic elements, some sensuality, language.) 2 hours, B+

"STAR WARS: EPISODE III — REVENGE OF THE SITH": To see George Lucas finally kick together his six-part "Star Wars" saga is an unexpectedly moving experience.

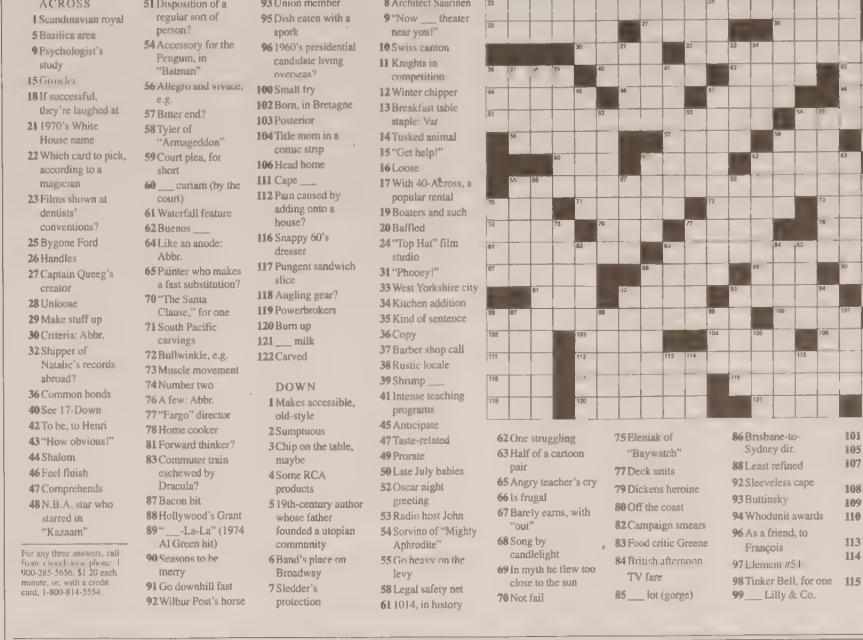
He's still clumsy in the human interaction department, and Anakin Skywalker's (Hayden Christensen) transition to the dark side is a little

quick, but we feel it. May be too sad and disturbing for youngsters. — M. Polis. (PG-13: sci-fi violence, intense images.) 2 hours, 20 minutes. B

"A TO DE SUITE": This black-and-white film is an immediately compelling and beguiling as its highly spontaneous 19-year-old heroine, Lili. She meets Bada in a club and is just beginning a romance with him when he calls to say he is in the midst of a botched bank holdup and needs her help. An unusual and unexpected coming-of-age story that captures the fear and exhilaration of love on the run, with no amoral rendering of crime and bloodshed. — K. Thomas. (Not rated: strong sexuality, language, violence; in French with subtitles.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. B+

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OAKLAND CITY CENTER — "100 Families Oakland: Art and Social Change," June 16 through July 29. The California College of the Arts' Center for Art and Public Life presents an exhibit of art created by 25 families from East

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Good food, friendly service, and comfortable atmosphere describe Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant. For over 30 years the restaurant has been located adjacent to the Park Street Bridge overlooking the Alameda/Oakland estuary. The "Pier" offers an extensive menu featuring fresh seafood, Angus New York steak, prime rib, pasta, teriyaki ribs, daily specials, and much more. The theme in the kitchen is "good homestyle cooking." Brunch is served on weekends from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and the popular earlybird menu is featured daily. Every table has a view of the water and there is plenty of free parking. The Pier is open 7 days a week. New business hours: Sun. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Fri. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner.

Sushi House

2375 Shoreline Drive, Alameda (510) 865-0999

When it comes to sushi, one place on the island comes to mind. Come experience why locals & out-of-towners alike flock to Sushi House. Whether you're a fan of modern or traditional Japanese cuisine, Sushi House will delight your senses & unique, award-winning sushi creations not found elsewhere on either side of the Bay. You've tried the rest. Now try the best! All seafood is delivered daily to ensure unrivaled quality & freshness. Showcasing these excellent beginnings are chef-owner James' own creations such as "Crazy Horse" - tuna, hamachi, salmon & avocado; "Crazy Monkey" - yellow tail, salmon, eel, tobiko and cucumber; & "Dynamite" - yellow tail, salmon, tuna & halibut deep fried with house special sauce - spicy! Frequent Sushi House diners John & Sale Crittenden agreed that "James is a real artist & his sushi is the freshest we've ever tasted." Sushi House is open nonstop from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday & 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays. Plenty of free parking. From an intimate date to a big celebration, Sushi House is the hip & trendy place to be in Alameda! AE MC VS \$5 \$10

2424 Lincoln Ave, Alameda (510) 522-1300

Speisekammer presents Modern German Cuisine that is good for the body and soul. Sauerbraten, Wiener Schnitzel and a house recipe Bratwurst are standards. Light fare such as the Gemüsesalat (Vegetable Stew with Goat Cheese), Roasted Red Pepper and Spinach. Served in a Carrera Stone) give the menu a modern (or California) twist. There is a word in the German language that has no counterpart in English: Gemütlichkeit. It connotes a combination of comfort, friendship, and the general sentiment of being completely at ease with your surroundings. Speisekammer's atmosphere is Gemütlich. Large tables and a private room make it a great place for groups. The Beer is Strictly German. The Cocktails are Distinctly American, and the wine list has some of each. Lunch is served Tues-Fri - Grilled Panini Sandwiches and Salads are offered along with some of the more popular entree items. Sunday Brunch is to die for! 10am-2pm. Dinner is served Tues-Sun. W-\$5-\$8, AC, FB, RR.

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saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.;
sunday and Thursday, noon to 8
Friday, noon to 5:30 p.m.; Sunday,
to 5 p.m. 125 14th St., Oakland.
88-934 or
baudilibrary.org.

L GROUND GALLERY — "Out
June 29 through Sep. 25. A
exhibit of paintings and basketry.
Daily, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. 2058 Mound
rd., Oakland. 510-339-0348.

PTURE COURT AT OAKLAND
CENTER — "Jane Grimm: The
Set," April 21 through Aug. 10.
Oakland Museum of California offi-
cation featuring 16 large-scale
pieces by the artist inspired by
is of femininity, war and frivolity.
88-6936 or www.museumca.org.
Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to
3 p.m. Thursdays, 7 a.m. to 8
Oakland City Center, 1111 Broad-
way.

ENA CULTURAL CENTER — "Fla-
o Series," July 16, 8 p.m. An
ng of original Flamenco music and
presented by La Nina Produ-
ct, \$18 to \$20. "Danzaq," July 17,
The ensemble Perudance per-
a concert of Peruvian music and
\$15. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berke-
ley. 849-2568 or www.lapena.org.

TUCK DOWN LOW — "Live
Ongoing. An evening of dancing
music of a live salsa band. The
opens with beginning lessons at 8
and intermediate lessons at 8:45
Nednesday, 8 p.m. \$10 general;
adults. For ages 21 and older.
Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-548-
or www.shattuckdown.com.

RY PLOUGH PUB — "Celtic and
Ongoing. Traditional Irish music
ance. This evening begins with
lesson at 7 p.m. followed by mu-
9 p.m. Mondays, 7 p.m. Free. For
21 and over unless noted. Sun-
day Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday
at Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless
3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.
1-2082 or www.starryplough-
com.

SICAL MUSIC

COVENANT CHURCH OF OAK-
— Oakland Symphony Chorus
Sings 2005," July 12 through
23. A chance to sing favorite
masterworks with some of the
rea's finest conductors. Tuesdays,
July 12: "Brahms' "Requiem,"
led by George Pearce of the San
Jazz Chorus. July 19: "Requiem" and Schubert's
in G," conducted by Magen
of the Oakland Symphony
July 26: Dvorak's "Requiem"
and Bach's "Magnificat,"
led by Michael Morgan of the
East Bay Symphony. Aug. 2:
"Requiem," conducted by An-
Pasqua, guest conductor with the
Symphony Chorus. Aug. 9:
choruses from "St. Matthew's
and "Carlota 191," conducted
Liebling of the Oakland Sym-
phony Chorus. Aug. 16: Haydn's "Cre-
tional portraits and some
duced by Bruce Lamott of the
Bach Festival Chorus. Aug. 23:
ly's "Symphony of Psalms."
led by Lynne Morrow of the Pa-
kazart Ensemble. \$10 per evening,
all seven evenings. 510-207-
www.oakland-symphony.org.
wood Road, Oakland. 510-
or www.oaklandtcc.org.

MORGAN CENTER FOR THE
— OPENING — "Die Meis-
en von Nürnberg," July 16
July 24. Berkeley Opera pre-
staged (and condensed to
hours) version of this Richard
opera, his only romantic com-
German with English subtitles.
July 20 and July 22, 7:30 p.m.;
2 p.m. \$16 to \$40 general; \$16
seniors; \$15 youth and disabled
Tickets: (925) 798-1300, Info:
1-1903 or
berkeleyopera.org. 2640 College
Berkeley. 510-845-8542 or www.ju-
gan.org.

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH — "Midsummer Mozart Festi-
val Program I," July 17, 7 p.m. George
Cleve conducts the Midsummer Mozart
Orchestra in a performance of Mozart's
"Paris" Symphony and "Sinfonia Concertante
for Violin and Viola," featuring
violinist Robin Hansen and violist Victor
Romasevich. \$28 to \$48. (415) 627-
9145 or www.midsummernozzart.org.
2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-845-
6830 or www.stjohns.preschur.net.

POPULAR MUSIC

ALBATROSS PUB — The Fourtet Jazz
Group, Ongoing. Fourth Wednesdays of
every month, 9 p.m. Free. Whiskey
Brothers, Ongoing. Old-time and blue-
grass. First and third Wednesdays of
every month. Free. Kugelplex, July 9,
9:30 p.m. \$3. Shows begin Wednesday,
9 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless
noted. 1822 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley.
510-843-2473 or
www.albatrosspub.com.

DOWNTOWN RESTAURANT — Kath-
leen Grace Quartet, July 9. Smith Dob-
son Family Quartet, July 9. Mark Gold-
emberg Solo Guitar, July 12. Ned
Boynton/Jules Broussard Trio, July 13.
Debbie Pories/Glen Richman Duo,
July 14. Vince Lateano/Satoru Oda
Quartet, July 15. Randy Porter Trio, July
16. Free unless noted. Tuesday
through Thursday, 8 p.m.; Friday and
Saturday, 9 p.m. 2102 Shattuck Ave.,
Berkeley. 510-649-3810 or www.downtown-
townrestaurant.com.

FREIGHT AND SALVAGE — "In Har-
mony's Way," July 8. An a cappella
show featuring Oak, Ash and Thorn,
Dick Holdstock and Alan MacLeod,
Shay Black, Sylvia Herold, Steve
Baughman, Peter Kasin and Lani Her-
mann. \$18.50 to \$19.50. Geoff Mulda-
with Larry Hanks, July 9. \$18.50 to
\$19.50. The Karan Casey Band, July 12.
\$17.50 to \$18.50. Flamma Furama, July
13. \$17.50 to \$18.50. Natasha Miller,
July 14. \$18.50 to \$19.50. "Merit Per-
alta Institute Alumni Fundraiser" with
High Country and Willow Willow, July
15. \$24.50 to \$25.50. John Keawe, July
16. \$17.50 to \$18.50. Roy Book Bund,
July 17. \$17.50 to \$18.50. Music starts
at 8 p.m., unless noted. 1111 Addison
St., Berkeley. 510-548-1761 or
www.freightandsalvage.org.

GREEK THEATRE — Widespread
Panic, July 8 through July 10. Friday
and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m.
\$35.50. "Berkeley Jazz Festival," July
16, noon. Performances by Rachelle
Ferrari, Kam, Bonney James, Lalith Hatha-
way, Bobby Caldwell, Unwrapped All-
Stars, and Ray Obiedo and The Urban
Latin Jazz Funk Project. \$53.75 to
\$89.75. Hearst Avenue and Gayley
Road, Berkeley. 510-548-3010 or
www.apeconcerts.com.

JAZZSCHOOL — Robbie Jamieson
Quintet, July 8. \$16. Extensions Jazz
Quartet with Khalil Shaheed, July 9.
\$10. Hitomi Oba Trio, July 10, 11.
The Next Generation, July 15. \$10. Loose
Wig Quartet, July 16. \$10. The Strings
Project, July 17. \$10. \$12 to \$18 unless
noted. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.;
Sunday, 4:30 p.m. unless noted. 2087
Addison St., Berkeley. 510-845-5373 or
www.jazzschool.com.

LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER —
Jazz, 4,000 Meters High" with Johnny
Gonzales, July 8, 8 p.m. \$10 to \$13.
Rhiannon and Susan Muscarelli with the
Jazz School Student Ensemble, July
9, 8:30 p.m. \$12 to \$14. "From Basile
to Bush" with Anne Feeny, July 14, 7:30
p.m. \$10 to \$12. (415) 642-8066 or
www.laborefest.net. "Arawaks and
Marons" with Santero, July 15, 9 p.m.
"Flamenco Series," July 16, 8 p.m.
An evening of original Flamenco music
and dance, presented by La Nina Pro-
ductions and The Bay Area Flamenco
Partnership. \$18 to \$20. "Danzaq," July
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performs a concert of Peruvian music
and dance. \$15. 3105 Shattuck Ave.,
Berkeley. 510-849-2568 or
www.lapena.org.

PARAMOUNT THEATRE — Alanis
Morissette, July 12, 8 p.m. \$39.50 to
\$65. 2025 Broadway, Oakland. 510-465-
6400, (415) 421-8497 or www.param-
ounttheatre.com or www.ticketmas-
ter.com.

STARPLY PLOUGH PUB — The Starry
Irish Music Session led by Shay Black,
Ongoing. Sundays, 8 p.m. Sliding scale.
Viva K, The Cushion Theory, Tiny
Power, Gosling, July 8. \$6. The Real

CEDAR ROSE PARK — San Francisco
Mime Troupe, July 9, 8 p.m. 10:30
p.m. The troupe's new play is titled "Do-
ing Good." Inspired by John Perkins'
book "Confessions of an Economic Hit
Man," the play explores U.S. foreign
policy since World War II through com-
edy, drama and live music. Music begin-
ning at 1:30 p.m. and the show begins

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Sippin' Whiskies, The Bittersweet,
Firecracker, July 9. \$6. The Welcome
Matt, Demons Defeated, July 14. \$5.
Shelley Dot Y-let, Pyeng Threadgill
Group, July 15. \$6. Campo Bravo, Ju-
dith and Holomes, The Rise and Fall of
Amy Rude, July 16. \$6. For ages 21 and
over unless noted. Sunday and
Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday through
Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless noted. 3101
Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082
or www.starplyploughpub.com.

YOSHIS' — Robben Ford Band, July 7
through July 10. \$15 to \$26 general;
\$5 children for Sunday matinee. "East Bay
Blues Benefit," July 11, 7:30 p.m. Per-
formances by Jake Sampson and Matt
Baxter, Wendy Dewitt and Dave Work-
man, Steve Freund, Ollan Christopher
and Zakiya Hooker. \$20. "YMP and the
Jazz Masters Benefit," July 12. \$18 to
\$22. Pete Escovedo and His Orchestra,
July 13 through July 17. \$15 to \$24
general; \$5 children for Sunday mati-
nee. Shows are Monday through Sat-
urday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m.
and 8 p.m., unless noted. 510 Emba-
cadero West, Oakland. 510-238-9200 or
www.yoshis.com.

STAGE

ALTARENA PLAYHOUSE — CLOSING —
"Thunderbabe," July 1 through July
16. A middle-aged super heroine, com-
fortably retired to the life of wife and
soccer mom, must squeeze back into her
spandex to save the world from a
ruthless villainess. Friday and Saturday,
8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$15 general; \$12
seniors and students.

AURORA THEATRE COMPANY —
"The Thousandth Night," June 23
through July 24. Carol Wolf's play fea-
tures solo performer Ron Campbell in
the story of a concentration campbound
entertainer at the French-German border
in 1943, who has one last chance
for freedom before his derailed train
begins moving again. Wednesday through
Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7
p.m. \$36 to \$45. "Aurora Stories," July
11, 7 p.m. A benefit reading series fea-
turing "Tales from 1001 Arabian Nights."
Free; \$20 donation requested. Aurora
Theatre, 2081 Addison St., Berkeley.
510-843-4822 or
www.auroratheatre.com.

BERKELEY CITY CLUB — OPENING —
"The Grand Inquisitor," July 8
through July 31. Central Works presents
an adaptation of Dostoevsky's story
within the story of the Brothers Karamazov.
Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.;
Sunday, 5 p.m. \$9 to \$25. 510-538-1381
or www.centralworks.org. "Unwise Deci-
sions," July 11, 7:30 p.m. Local actors
read short stories by O. Henry, Lynne
McFall and Saki (Hugh Munro). Free,
510-845-8542. 2315 Durant Ave., Berke-
ley.

CALIFORNIA SHAKESPEARE THE-
ATER — OPENING — "The Life and
Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby, Parts
One and Two," July 16 through Sept. 18.
A performance of Dickens' comic melo-
drama, adapted for the stage by David
Edgar. Part One runs from July 16
through Aug. 7; Part Two from Aug. 20
through Sept. 11; both parts will run in
rotating repertory from Sept. 13 through
Sept. 16, and there will be three

Marathon performances of both parts
on Sept. 10, 17 and 18. Tuesday through
Sunday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday,
8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.;
Sept. 10, 17 and 18. \$12 to \$18. 24
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community. Free. Tuesday through Sat-
urday, noon to 5:30 p.m. 659 14th St.,
Oakland. 510-637-0200 or
http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/AAMLO/index.html.

ALAMEDA MUSEUM — The museum is designed
to discover, preserve, interpret and
share the cultural and historical experiences
of African Americans in California and the West.
In addition, there is a three-panel mural on permanent display.

SPECIAL EXHIBITS — "Liberty on
the Border: A Civil War Exhibit," through
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HALL OF HEALTH — A community
health-education museum and science
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responsibility for health. There are
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of a healthy diet and exercise, and the
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ted \$3 donation; free children under
3. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.;
Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2324 Alameda
Ave., Alameda. 510-521-1233 or
www.alamedamuseum.org.

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featuring approximately 300 rare books
(primarily Bibles) dating from the 15th

through the 18th centuries. "Wholly
Grace," through Sept. 29. A solo exhibit
of clay works by Susan Duhun Felix.
Free. Tuesday and Thursday, 10:30 a.m.
to 3 p.m. Hobart Hall, Pacific School of
Religion, 1798 Sonoma Ave., Berkeley.
510-849-0528 or
http://badh.psr.edu/bade.

EBOY MUSEUM OF ARTS — A mu-
seum specializing in the art and history
of Africa. The collection that was on dis-
play in the museum's Jack London Vil-
lage branch has been incorporated with
the material in the 14th Street Victorian
museum building, the site of the original
museum. Donation: \$2 guided tour
Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
1034 14th St., Oakland. 510-763-0141.

HABITOT CHILDREN'S MUSEUM — A
museum especially for children ages 7
and under. Highlights include "Water-
Works," an area with some unusual wa-
ter toys, an Infant Tree for babies, a gar-
den especially for toddlers, a child-scale
grocery store and cafe, and a costume
shop and stage for junior thespians.

The museum also features a toy lending
library. ONGOING EXHIBITS — "Water-
Works." A water play gallery with rivers,
a pumping station and a water table.
Designed to teach about water "Little
Town Grocery and Cafe." Designed to
create the ambience of shopping in a
grocery store and eating in a restaurant.
"Infant-Toddler Garden." A picket fence
gated indoor area, which includes a car-
rot patch with wooden carrots to be har-
vested, a pretend pond and a butterfly
mobile to introduce youngsters to the
concept of food, gardening and agriculture.
"Dramatic Arts Stage." Settings,
backdrops and costumes coincide with
seasonal events and holidays. Children
can exercise their dramatic flair here.
"Wiggle Wall." The floor-to-ceiling "under-
ground" tunnels give children a worm's eye view of the world. The tunnels
are laced with net covered openings
and giant optic lenses. SPECIAL EVENT —
"Celebrate Early Literacy at
Habitot," July 9. Enjoy free admission to
the museum and a variety of activities
promoting literacy for children, including
bilingual storytelling and crafts. Refresh-
ments will be provided. Free. \$5 gen-
eral; \$6 children ages 7 and under; free
children ages 12 months and under
Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Tuesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 11
a.m. to 5 p.m. 2065 Kittridge St., Berke-
ley. 510-647-1111 or www.habitot.org.

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Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 5000 MacArthur
Blvd., Oakland. 510-433-2164 or
www.mills.edu.

MILLS COLLEGE ART MUSEUM —
The collection includes over 6,000 ob-
jects, approximately 4,000 prints and
drawings, 900 textiles, 200 paintings,
and 900 small ceramics and sculptures.
Each season works from the Museum's

permanent collection are shown along
with the regular season's program. "Im-
proving the Bow Tie: African-American
Improvisational Quilts," through Aug. 7.

An exhibit of colorful quilts based on the
popular bow tie pattern by 10 African-
American quilt makers. "Second to the
Gods," through Aug. 7. An exhibit of recent
gifts from the collection of William H. Ehren-
feld, including royal crowns and comets of the
Yoruba; thrones, chairs and stools from West Africa; and
African fertility objects. "Oakland Picture
Lady," through Aug. 7. An installation of
photographs created by Oakland artist and
choreographer Traci Bartlow. The images are of the hip-hop scene in East
Oakland in the 1990s. "Spike," through Aug. 7. A large-scale portrait by Oakland
artist Keita Koite of his mother, a longshorewoman at the Port of Oakland in the
1980s known to her coworkers as "Spike." Free. Tuesday, Thursday
through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.;
Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2
p.m. to 6 p.m. 630 20th St., Oakland.
510-893-6426 or www.ncaiblackengineering.org.

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN
TECHNOLOGY SCIENCE VILLAGE —
A science museum with an African-
American focus promoting science edu-
cation and awareness for the underrepre-
sented. The science village chronicles
the technical achievements of people of
African descent from ancient times to
present. There are computer classes at
the Internet Cafè, science education activi-
ties and seminars. There is also a re-
source library with a collection of
books, periodicals and videotapes. \$6
general; \$4 children ages 6 to 18. Mon-
day through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
Saturday, noon to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 2
p.m. to 6 p.m. 630 20th St., Oakland.
510-893-6426 or www.ncaiblackengineering.org.

THE OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALI-
FORNIA — EXHIBITS — "Sculpture by
Bruce Beasley: A 45-Year Retrospective,"
through July 31. This survey of work by the Oakland sculptor features approximately 75 works in aluminum and acrylic, cast and fabricated bronze, stainless steel, iron, granite and wood. Artista gallery talk on July 17, 2 p.m.

"Plant Portraits: The California Legacy
of A.R. Valente," through Dec. 4. An
exhibit of 80 watercolor/gouache paint-
ings of California wildflowers by the
artist. "Playing Favorites: Community
Choices from the History Collections,"
through July 31. An exhibit of rarely seen
artifacts from the museum's history
collections, including the Doggie
Diner sign and a Wurlitzer jukebox.

"Points of View: Selections from the Mu-
seum Collection," through July 31. A
selection of contemporary artwork from
the museum's collection, including photo-
graphs, ceramics, video, mixed-media
sculptures and paintings.

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A guitarist formed an al-
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to his own devices, Ford is
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Sturtz said this year's festival will be the largest ever, with more than 40 fire sculptures and 10 electric sculptures. "It's a fire and light symphony whose chaos you can't control but direct. I'm looking forward to it," he said.



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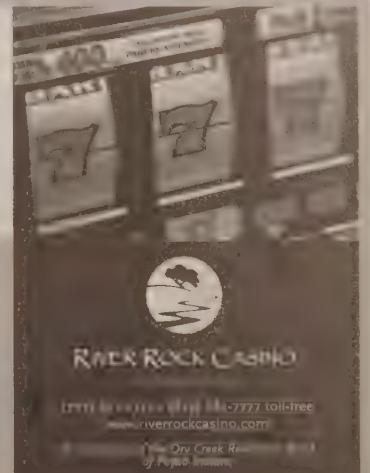
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BILL MANN
Multimedia Notes

Good news for former anchor

SOMETIMES the best reporters' stories are their own, the ones that don't make the evening news.

One good example is that of Jeffrey Schaub, capable Channel 5 reporter/occasional anchor. A few years ago, Schaub told me he was giving up news anchoring — something he was quite good at — to go back to reporting. He wanted to spend more time with his family.

Little did Schaub know what was to come: Four years ago, Schaub's wife, Margaret, suffered a debilitating stroke. "It started as a burst aneurysm in her brain while she was working at KGO-TV," Schaub says. "She is permanently disabled, although doing very well. It's been a tremendous challenge these past few years."

"For two years solid, I had two full-time baby-sitters to help with her and the boys, who are now 6 and 9."

One can only imagine the stress the Schaub's were under.

"But now," Schaub says, "Margaret is much better. (She still has cognitive issues and no use of her left arm and hand). She is very involved in the community. Margaret has helped raise money for the schools and volunteers a lot."

Now Schaub would like to anchor again at the CBS affiliate — so much so he nearly left recently: "It's funny," he says, "because every time I fill in as an anchor at the station (he's been paired again with old partner Sherry Hu on some weekend morning newscasts), I receive several e-mails from viewers telling me I've done a great job."

"That's rewarding. Margaret and I came very close to moving to Chicago last year for an anchor post at a station there. Someday, when I get tired of driving around in a news van, I hope to anchor the news because I believe I can do a very strong job."

But things overall are much better these days at Channel 5 — a big reason Schaub stayed: "It's an entirely different animal than it was just five years ago here," says the hard-working reporter. "It's amazing. We worked hard as reporters and editors and photographers. But, as you know, morale was terrible. We had a succession of poor-performing managers."

"Now, under news director Dan Rosenheim and (assistant news director) Lisa White, the place has become a treasure. We have direction, confidence and calmness. We can do longer and deeper stories."

"For two years our station has been number one at 11 p.m., and we're doing better in the early shows, too. So generally folks are happy, management is very good, and let's hope it stays that way."

After what he's been through off-camera, Schaub deserves to work in a happy news shop. Now, if only he could anchor regularly...

COSELL IN OAKLAND: One of the funnier characters in local media is just that: A character, one named "Mr. C in Heaven." It's Howard Cosell, " pontificating from the grave," as his alter ego, "Ernie from Oakland," calls him.

"Mr. C" is a regular caller on Gary Radnich's morning talk show on KNBR (680 AM). He's become so popular the Oakland "Cosell" is taking his show on the road. He'll be in Ricky's Sports Theatre in San Leandro at 5 p.m. July 16 doing a show with an ersatz Muhammad Ali. He's also working Tahoe the night before as "Howard" with another sports talker Tony Bruno.

The Oaklander, who has a Web page (mrincinheaven.com), has come up with a funny "bit." He has Cosell's droneologist/name-dropping tendencies down pat, beginning his sentences with things like, "That reminds me of the time in 1968 I was in Vegas with the great Floyd Patterson..." and so on.

The Mouth that Roared roars on.

Bill Mann's column runs every other week. Reach him at Newsmann@sonic.net.

Fire Fest to erupt in Oakland

By Keith Gleason
CORRESPONDENT

Fire dancers and fire eaters, along with fire and electric sculptures, will light up West Oakland's sky at the fifth annual Fire Arts Festival from July 12 to 17.

With performers such as Dr. Megavolt, The Flaming Lotus Girls and Capacitor, this is no ordinary summer arts festival, but a spectacle of controlled burns, explosions and channeled electrical beauty, which puts the natural elements of fire and electricity on display in artistic ways.

"It's a vibrant way to support and showcase the fire arts," said Michael Sturtz, the executive director and founder of The Crucible, the organizer and host of the festival.

The Fire Arts Festival will take place at The Crucible's 48,000-square-foot industrial arts facility and nearby outdoor arena in West Oakland. In addition to the fire performances, there will be a full program of arts and educational events throughout six days and four evenings, including lectures, classes, artist talks and arts demonstrations.

The Crucible is a nonprofit educational collaboration of arts, industry and community, which Sturtz and others founded in 1999 in Berkeley. It features everything from cast iron to neon, large-scale public art to precise kinetic sculpture.

At their first fire festival in 2004, The Flaming Lotus Girls unveiled the "Seven Sisters," a large sheet metal representation of the Pleiades star cluster, including three round stars and three seven-pointed stars that rotated and consisted of liquid fuel and propane flame effects.

Formed in 2000, The Flaming Lotus Girls are a San Francisco-based group of mostly female artists who create fire art and provide a resource for learning metalworking and other essential shop skills. "We've trained ourselves and learned by doing," said founding member Tamara Li.

Their first small installation was the original Flaming Lotus — a sculptural fire cannon that gave the group its name — at the 2000 Burning Man Festival. For 2005, The Flaming Lotus Girls will bring parts of their work in progress for Burning Man — the "Angel of the Apocalypse," a giant sculptural environment that rises from the ground in the form of a bird. They'll bring two eight-foot feathers from the inner wing of the piece, which are welded sheet metal cut with three sides to them like a claw. The completed piece for Burning Man in August will have a head that's 15 feet high, some wings that reach out 20 feet, and a 30-foot-long driftwood body.

"The two feathers will have ambient flame with a special incendiary surprise for participants," said Li. Sturtz has asked them to also bring "The Hand of God," a 13-foot-tall copper hand, which shoots flames 150 feet in the air out of its fingertips. It was built for the 2003 Burning Man. "It's never been used within city limits except to be tested with water. We're hoping to get permission to use it from the fire department," said Li.

When asked why the group works with fire, she replied, "It serves our pyromaniac tendencies."

Most everything The Crucible does or sponsors is unique and attracts crowds, like moths to a flame, including the successful staging of a fire opera in 2004.



"THE FIRE SHOWER" by Kal Spellietich is an example of the creations that will be on hand as The Crucible presents the fifth annual Fire Arts Festival from July 12-17.

IF YOU GO:

- WHAT: 2005 Fire Arts Festival
- WHEN: July 12-17
- WHERE: 1260 7th St., Oakland
- INFORMATION: Call 510-444-0919 or visit www.thecrucible.org.

works with fire, she replied, "It serves our pyromaniac tendencies."

Most everything The Crucible does or sponsors is unique and attracts crowds, like moths to a flame, including the successful staging of a fire opera in 2004. Sturtz and company mounted a production of Henry Purcell's 17th century work "Dido and Aeneas," which included singers from the San Francisco Opera and orchestra members from the San Francisco Bach Soloists. It

featured molten metal casting, glowing hot glasswork, welding, torch cutting, fire eating and fire dancing — not things usually seen in an opera. Its two performances and dress rehearsal were sold out. "We turned away 800 people at the door," said Sturtz.

Another returning performer to the festival is Kristina Cañizares, who, along with her dance group, The Nekyia, will debut their performance dedicated to the Orisha Oshun, goddess of sweet water, honey, dance and femininity. It's a celebration of woman in all her myriad expressions and will include fire props such as propane-powered peacock tails with flames instead of feathers coming out of the dancer's hips, and music that features traditional rhythms and instrumentation, said Cañizares.

Her original dance will combine

Brazilian, Cuban, Middle Eastern, North African and modern movements. She also teaches fire-eating classes at The Crucible, and danced in its fire opera.

"I began working with fire about five years ago, and I enjoy the added layer of complexity that it brings to a performance. I am primarily a dancer who uses fire when it makes sense, rather than a full-time fire performer," she said.

Another demonstration will feature Dr. Megavolt and Mistress Megavolt and their Tesla coils, which will crackle the air as the two conduct and release thousands of volts of electricity. Don't try this at home, folks.

Electrical and fire danger is a very real part of the festival, so

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Ever-progressing guitarist deftly samples styles

By Andrew Gilbert
CORRESPONDENT

In a career stretching back to the late 1960s, Robben Ford has collaborated memorably with pop icons and jazz legends, but he never gets too far from the blues.

The guitarist first made a splash three decades ago as a 23-year-old phenomenon, touring with both George Harrison and Joni Mitchell in 1974. From 1977 until 1983, he was a member of the popular fusion band the Yellowjackets, which he followed with a brief but vivid stint with Miles Davis. But since setting out on a solo career, Ford has gravitated back toward his roots in the blues and the scorching liquid sound he developed while playing with harp master Charlie Musselwhite and Kansas City crooner Jimmy Witherspoon.

The Northern California native is back in the region this weekend at Yoshi's, with a new quartet featuring electric bassist Andrew Ford (no relation), keyboardist Greg Mathieson and

PREVIEW

- WHO: Robben Ford Band
- WHERE: Yoshi's, 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland
- WHEN: 8 and 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday; 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday
- HOW MUCH: \$22-\$26
- CONTACT: 510-238-9200, www.yoshis.com

drummer Gary Novak.

For Ford, the connection to the blues is elemental, directly related to his passion for the electric guitar. "It's a blues instrument, a strong rhythm instrument," said Ford, 54, from his house in Ojai. "And my favorite solo work on the guitar has always been in the blues, because it is the most vocal approach to the guitar that I've ever heard. So naturally there's a lot of that in my music."

There are a lot of other elements in his music too, of course, particularly a jazz aesthetic that

is evident in his choice of bandmates. Novak, for instance, is best known as a top-shelf jazz drummer through his work with Chick Corea, vibraphonist Joe Locke and the late tenor saxophonist Bob Berg. But he's also one of L.A.'s busiest session musicians, with a resume that includes a four-year stint with Alain Novisette.

"Robben's style of music crosses a lot of boundaries," Novak said. "You look at Stevie Ray Vaughan as a blues guitar player, but you can't categorize Robben, which is what makes his music so appealing. None of his gigs sound the same. It's a jazz mentality, more friendly to improvisation, and that's a rarity in that music."

Novak emphasizes that it's Ford's unassuming personality that sets him apart from so many of his colleagues. Rather than staying in his comfort zone as a bandleader, "He's willing to check out music from different perspectives," Novak said. "He came down to the house and

jammed all day with me and Alain just to check out what she was doing. He's always looking for something to learn. Every time I hear him play, he's always trying to make progress."

Which isn't to say that the guitarist lacks his own musical perspective. For Ford, humility walks hand in hand with a rigorous set of musical values that have made him a worthy foil for other strong-willed artists. As a young player, Ford landed a gig with one of his idols, Jimmy Witherspoon, a blues shouter who scored his first hit in 1949 with Jay McShann. Despite their age difference and Witherspoon's mercurial temperament, Ford helped him spruce up his repertoire.

"He was singing the same songs he'd been singing in the '50s," Ford said. "Me and my band brought a certain element to the music that was a little more modern, and he loved that. He was a very powerful personality and he needed someone to

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J.V.



JACK TUCKER
Community Theater

Masterpiece
take to the

TWO LITERARY pieces are the theater productions in the East Bay this weekend. Both, however, move from their ancestral homes to concentrate on a pair of seafarers — the author and his character in the other. Two novels on which they are based.

Miguel de Cervantes' "Don Quixote," morphed into a musical, "Man of La Mancha," to open Alameda Civic Center's 2005 season.

Playwright Dale Wasserman didn't care for the book, but was fascinated by the sides of the novelist — the man, the soldier, the peasant. Wasserman took a few of Cervantes' life and turned them into a television pilot.

"Man of La Mancha" is an adaptation of "Don Quixote." The musical is an evocation of the characters and situations in a literal transformation. Quite a distillation, compared to the novel, which runs to 1,000 pages and includes 669 chapters.

The musical even starts small. It opened in November, 22, 23, 2 p.m. July 10, 11 at Kofman Auditorium, 14th and Central Ave., Alameda. Tickets \$30. Call 510-864-2256, www.acdc.org or the Box Office, 1415 Park St., Alameda.

GUZZING DOSTOEVSKY Dostoevsky's "The Brothers Karamazov" turns into "Grand Inquisitor," a Central Works adaptation by Graves at the Berkeley Community Theater, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

The massive novel, one of the greatest world literature, is the powerful artistic expression of Dostoevsky's psychological insights and philosophical religious views.

Instead of the three and their different characters — metaphysical spiritual, body, mind and spirit — Central Works playwright Graves focuses on the Grand Inquisitor, the central figure in the play in the current production.

The show also features David Skillman and is directed by Jan Zvafier.

"The Grand Inquisitor" was viewed Thursday night at Berkeley City Club after closing from San Francisco's Thickhouse. It will continue at 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, Sundays, through Aug. 28.

Tickets are \$9-\$25 depending on the scale. The July 14 performance is pay-what-you-can. Call 558-1381.

COUNTING REP At mid-week, Berkeley Repertory Theatre was still gripping the costs and the gripes of the fire last Wednesday that destroyed the scene shop at 1230 Fifth St., Berkeley.

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Section D

Jaguar introduces its first-ever wagon for 2005 — X-Type Sportwagon

BY CONNIE KEANE

KEANE ON WHEELS

An ingenious creation from the Jaguar: Build a station wagon — a functional, practical wagon, but sexy, head-turning, dynamic, stylish wagon."

new 2005 Jaguar X-Type Sport adds glamour to the station wagon segment. Just as flexible and utilitarian as one would expect from the X-Type Sportwagon also promises with access to expectant and European-tuned performance. Sportwagon looks typical of the X-Type sedan, from the grille to tail lights. From the rear doors to the front, the Sportwagon's elongated roof slopes back for an aerodynamic finish.

tail end of the X-Type is not just thought. A lot of forethought went into the design construction of the Sportwagon. I like the dual split opening of the front and rear doors, making for a variety of easy ways to store and retrieve items from a fully carpeted spacious area. A retractable tonneau cover is standard and a cargo net keeps possession and a cargo net keeps items from spilling. The 70/30 split-fold row seat allows for one or two passengers to travel while cargo is transported.

roll-mounted rear spoiler and an excellent flair from the British. The spoiler incorporates the rear washer nozzle and a high-dome brake light. The silver roof rails are an additional means for cargo. The styling attention that has been put into the rear of the Sportwagon truly stands out as a unique of the X-Type lineup.

X-Type Sportwagon is well-built and starts at \$36,330. Standard features include an eight-way driver's seat, leather-trimmed steering wheel, moonroof, and automatic climate with pollutant filtration.

The sleek hood of the X-Type is an all-aluminum V6 engine, boasting



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FLEXIBLE AND UTILITARIAN, the X-Type Sportwagon, left, also provides luxury and European-tuned performance. These cars contain numerous features, inset, including a wood and leather-trimmed steering wheel and comfortable seats.

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of a light, compact and advanced design, allowing for sporty performance, good fuel economy and low emissions. The 24-valve, 3.0-liter V6 generates 227 horsepower at 6,800 rpm and 206 pound per foot of torque at a low rpm of 3,000. A manual transmission is not offered on the Sportwagon, but comes standard on the X-Type sedan. A five-speed automatic transmission is standard on the Sportwagon. Fuel economy ratings are 18 miles per gallon city and 24 mpg highway. The manual will also get 18 mpg in the city, but will deliver 28 mpg on the highway.

The X-Type is an all-wheel drive vehicle, but it is amazingly quiet on the road and offers a precise steering feel. I could have easily thought I was operating a front-wheel drive wagon. The wheels on my Sportwagon tester were 17-inch al-

X-TYPE SPORTWAGON

Vehicle Type	Five-passenger, all-wheel drive, compact wagon
Suggested Retail	\$36,330
Price as Tested	\$37,590
Engine Type	24-valve DOHC V6 w/MPFI
Horsepower	227 at 6,800 rpm
Torque	206 at 3,000 rpm
Transmission	Five-speed automatic
Wheelbase	107 inches
Height	.58 inches
Curb Weight	3,761 pounds
Fuel Capacity	.16 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 18/24

loys with all-season tires. They hugged the road in great sporting fashion, without serving up a lot of road noise.

Jaguar's all-wheel drive system is called Traction-4. The AWD system offers a 40/60-percent split on torque distribution from front to rear, offering great rear-wheel-drive-like driving performance and sending traction to the wheel that needs it when slippage is detected. Dynamic stability control is optional. The airbag system covers nearly every body part,

such as a driver's side knee airbag and dual front, seat-mounted side-impact (front-row only) and side-curtain airbags for the front and rear passengers.

In the auto business, there's always a new spin on an old idea. The Jaguar X-Type Sportwagon is destined to be the upscale station wagon buyer.

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Long journey in 1939 LaSalle causes numerous problems

BY VERN PARKER
CLASSIC CLASSICS

As far as Jack Hotz knows, he is the fifth owner of his elegant 1939 LaSalle four-door sedan. In April 1992, an acquaintance in nearby Mt. Laurel, N.J. was culling his herd of antique cars and offered to sell Hotz his 1939 LaSalle. In no time at all, a deal was made, and Hotz drove the 3,740-pound LaSalle 12 miles home to Haddonfield, N.J.

"I wanted a car with the headlights in buckets and it had to have running boards," Hotz said. "This car has both, and besides, it's classic-looking." General Motors built LaSalles for 14 years — from 1927 through 1940 — as a companion car to Cadillac. LaSalle always represented distinction, refinement and class and was commonly called "the poor man's Cadillac."

Of the seven LaSalle models offered in 1939, the \$1,320 base priced four-door sedan was by far the most popular, with a total of 15,928 manufactured. The combined total of the other six models was 5,170. Every 1939 LaSalle left the factory with a 322-cubic-inch flathead V8 under the long engine hood, developing 125 horsepower. All of the 1939 LaSalle models had an enlarged glass area, making passengers feel less claustrophobic. The glass area was increased 27 percent from the previous year.

The tall, narrow, delicate grille always made for easy identification of LaSalles. After a few years of faithful service, Hotz decided to rebuild the engine. With the assistance of four friends, Hotz finished the final assembly of the engine just before the Cadillac LaSalle Club Grand National Meet

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In Saratoga Springs, N.Y. last summer. The water pump had been rebuilt only a couple of years ago so it wasn't rebuilt again to save money and time. "Big mistake," Hotz said.

"I was dying to break it in and drive it," Hotz said. He then suggested driving 600 miles to visit a cousin in Maine, then on to Saratoga Springs on the 1,100 mile trip home. "My wife looked at me askance, my friends just said I was crazy, but I decided to take the LaSalle to Maine," he said.

To avoid traffic, Hotz and his wife left on their odyssey at 6 a.m. on July 4. In the initial 100 miles, with the cool of the morning, they stayed on secondary roads to break in the engine, which only had 200 miles on it since the over-haul. After that, it was interstate highways.

As the sun climbed in the sky the temperature gauge climbed toward "hot." At a lunch stop in Connecticut, Hotz discovered the coolant level was a gallon low. A gallon of water brought the temperature down and they proceeded another 100 miles when the gauge said "really hot."

"A helpful former Marine with desert experience told me to put in 100 percent antifreeze as they did in Africa. I also discovered a leaking water pump seal, which I stopped with some grease," Hotz said.

After overnighting in New Hampshire, the couple resumed the trek to Maine and Hotz heard a squeaking noise. "I couldn't see anything, so on we went," he said.

When they arrived at their destination, his cousin asked if there



DESPITE SKEPTICISM from his wife and friends, Jack Hotz decided to drive his 1939 LaSalle to the Cadillac LaSalle Club Grand National Meet in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. — not his best idea, as it turns out.

was supposed to be tread on the front tires. The squeaking noise was caused by the tires being chewed up. The toe-in adjustment on the front end had been knocked out of kilter.

A new set of radial truck tires were installed, but no one knew how to adjust the toe-in on such an old car. The shop had only a computer-controlled alignment

machine. A young man on his first day of working at the shop said he formerly worked at a shop that serviced old cars, and he knew how to adjust the front end. "What are the odds of that happening?" Hotz asked.

From Maine, the LaSalle was uneventfully driven to Saratoga Springs except for filling the radiator and pumping more grease

into the water pump. The side panels of the engine hood were removed to help with the heat, and the radiator overflow continued to dribble across the fender and back the left side of the car.

With the LaSalle covered in road grime and loaded with luggage, they arrived in time for the event at Saratoga Springs. As the couple drove up to the hotel, Hotz

said, "The only comment lookers was, 'What is Grapes of Wrath car?'"

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The Audi A3 brimming with advanced engineering features

BY HERB SHULDINER
MOTOR MATTERS

In Europe, luxury German automakers have unveiled a new fleet of smaller, less expensive cars that make the brands more affordable. With the debut of the A3, Audi brings that trend to the U.S.

"The A3 is where we would like to take our brand here," says Johan de Nysschen, Audi's North American chief. However, he strongly disputes the notion that the A3, priced at \$24,740, is a cheap vehicle. In fact, with some popular option packages, the A3 can nudge \$30,000.

Does that price buy the quality, performance, advanced technology and engineering expected in the Audi brand? The A3's engine and transmission are state-of-the-art modules that give the A3

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spirited performance expected in a luxury brand car. The car also has a suspension that provides nimble handling.

A3's 2.0-liter four-cylinder power plant is the first turbocharged direct gasoline injection engine from any maker. It generates 200 horsepower while delivering 6 percent better fuel economy than the 1.8-liter engine it replaces. The new engine offers a 10 percent torque increase in low range and 4 to 5 percent more torque at mid-range engine speeds. Audi engineers achieved this torque by casting the exhaust manifold and turbine housing as one module. This helps direct the ex-

haust to the turbine more directly and faster. The engineers also mounted the catalytic converter directly behind the turbocharger to hasten heat-up and cut emissions. This enables the A3 to be classified as an Ultra-Low Emissions Vehicle.

Direct gasoline technology borrows engineering features from diesel engines. Gasoline is delivered directly into the cylinders via a common fuel rail instead of through conventional intake ports.

"In the long term, we'll phase out ported engine research," says Axel Eiser, Audi's chief of engine development. "It will happen in less than 10 years." He says that all future gasoline engine research at Audi will be directed at ways to improve direct gasoline injection technology that's used in the A3.

Eiser says DGI engines are 5 percent more expensive to build than conventional ported engines. But Audi is committed to this because of the fuel economy advantages, he said. Audi developed a new breed of high-pressure fuel injectors and new piston-bowl geometry for the A3 engine. Also new are tumble-intake ports.

These features help to optimize preparation of the fuel/air mixture needed for a turbocharged DGI engine. The engineering features produce a more efficient burn of the intake charge and create more torque and fuel economy.

Eiser promises that DGI technology will continually evolve and improve. Those improvements will be introduced every two or three years, he said. The next improve-

ments in DGI engines will see ancillary water and oil pumps built right into the engine housing.

His engineering team is also intent on reducing parasitic draw from the engine. One system targeted for improvement is the power-steering pump. Today's pumps draw a constant amount of power from the engine regardless of what you need to keep the car on course. Eiser envisions variable-demand components that may be electrically-driven or electronically-controlled to steal less energy from the engine.

Audi is perfecting DGI technology in the R8 that won the Le Mans 24-hour race. A more powerful DGI 3.2-liter V6 will be available early next year for the A3. It will generate 250 hp and 237 pounds-foot of torque. The bigger engine will be

combined with Quattro drive and a six-speed manual transmission or an optional dual-clutch gearbox automatic.

The DSG automatic comes from a racing-developed manual gearbox. But it features a clutchless transmission whose electro-hydraulically controlled twin clutch speeds gearshifts during driving conditions warrant.

These engineering qualities distinguish the A3 from other Audis. Audi is seeking to attract car buyers that its foray into the lower segment doesn't signal a cheapening of the brand. Temporarily available is Audi's signature all-wheel drive system for the A3. However, Quattro will be available next year when the 2.0-liter power engine is introduced.



The A3 is a smaller, less expensive car that makes the brand more affordable; however, Audi says its foray into a lower segment doesn't signal a cheapening of the brand.



The A3's 2.0-LITER four-cylinder power plant is the first turbocharged direct gasoline engine from any maker.

Northstar engines often need de-carbon treatment

BY JUNIOR DAMATO
MOTOR MATTERS

Dear Doctor: I own a 2001 Cadillac DeVille with the Northstar 32-valve V8 engine. The engine has developed what sounds like a valve noise. I spoke with the GM customer assistance center and they said it was a result of carbon build-up. They did extend the warranty of the engine to 100,000 miles at no charge to me. Have you heard of any engine problems with the Northstar engine? — Allen

Dear Allen: I'm happy to hear GM has at least extended your warranty. As for carbon build-up, it is very common on late-model Northstar engines that see a lot of city driving. The de-carbon treatment is a common practice on this and other engines. GM sells a great top engine cleaner that does work. For other Northstar engine owners, the

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de-carbon treatment is removal of all spark plugs and actually pouring the cleaner into the cylinders and allowing the cleaner to dissolve and soften the hard carbon for a couple of hours. The next step is to crank the engine over with the spark plugs out. This will blow out any liquid in the cylinders. This step is needed to prevent hydro-lock. Next, the spark plugs are replaced, along with the engine oil. Lastly, perform road-tests with aggressive acceleration from 20 mph to 60 mph many times. The oil and filter should be changed to remove the contaminants from the de-carboning treatment.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1995 Mustang GT 5.0-liter V8. The tempera-

ture gauge sometimes goes all the way to hot. This occurs while driving or stopped. — Haywood

Dear Haywood: The first step is to check if the engine is actually overheating. Start with the basics by checking the thermostat, coolant flow (water pump operation) and radiator flow. A check of combustion in the cooling system is also a must. Vehicles with electric cooling fans must be checked the fan's temperature on-and-off settings.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1997 Mercury Grand Marquis with 96,500 miles. After 45 minutes of driving at night, the exterior lights flash off and on. — Michael

Dear Michael: The most common cause of flashing lights on most vehicles is a faulty headlight switch, and/or connections at the headlight switch and/or related connections.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2000

Ford Explorer with a V8 engine. I change my own oil every 3,000 miles. The engine is using two or three quarts of oil between changes. It uses the lesser amount with 5W50 full synthetic oil. The manual calls for 5W30 oil. What oil would you suggest with high consumption? — Thomas

Dear Thomas: The engine in your Explorer is burning at a high rate and contaminating and restricting the catalytic converter. The oxygen sensors are also being poisoned. Use synthetic 15W50 during spring to late fall and then synthetic 15W40 during the winter. You will notice a reduction in oil consumption. Also check the crankcase breather system.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1997 Toyota Camry V6 engine with 130,000 miles. I start the engine cold in the morning and it drives fine. If I park

the car for five minutes and try to restart it, the engine will not idle; it just stalls. I have to keep my foot on the gas pedal. After driving it for an additional 10 minutes, the car runs fine. I am giving the car to my daughter and would like to get it repaired. — Bob

Dear Bob: When there is a cold or hot starting problem, information recorded in the computer is critical. A scan tool will be required for information on the values sensor — especially the coolant sensor. Another concern is the idle control motor. There is also the possibility of carbon build-up on the backside of the intake valves. Carbon acts like a sponge and absorbs gas, therefore starving the engine of gas needed to start and keep the engine running.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1998 Ford Taurus wagon. Recently the "service engine" light came on. I replaced the gas cap and PCV valve. The service light continued to stay on. What can I do next? — Lou

Dear Lou: I commend you for doing it yourself. Make repairs and service and understand. Often I see

sewers making wrong repairs.

It comes to a "check engine" concern, a scan tool is important. It is true that a new gas cap will set on a service or "check engine" light. You will need to seek a professional technician or purchase a computer scan tool, and a manual for your car.

Dear Doctor: My 2000 speedometer works fine. I checked all the fuses and the transaxle. A scan tool is good. What could the problem be?

Dear Bill: Today's vehicles' speedometers driven by a Hall effect generator also know a sensor. These sensors fail at rate and they are the transaxle. A scan tool is in diagnosing the problem.

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Alameda Fourth of July parade corrections

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Test your knowledge of our presidents

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A Fourth of July is a great day to test the men who have held our nation's office. Here's something to test knowledge.

George Washington to George Washington, the 42 men who have held the highest office have some of the familiar names and faces in American history. You see them every day on currency and coins, attend schools bearing their names, and drive on streets named after them. But do you really know the American presidents?

You know which man owned a haberdashery before ascending to the presidency.

Harry S. Truman) you know who survived an assassination attempt when a metal eyeglass affected the bullet? (Theodore Roosevelt)

You know who used the words "I instead of "I swear" when taking an office? (Franklin Pierce)

It's your chance to meet the men in the office.

This president — our nation's first — is the only one inaugurated in two New York and Philadelphia.

After losing his re-election bid, this went spent 17 years serving in the House of Representatives.

He died July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, which he wrote.

He became president when William Harrison died. Because he was the president not actually elected to the office, he was referred to as "His Accomplice."

The first president to live in the White

House, he said of it, "May none but honest and wise men ever rule under the roof."

This president, credited with writing the Bill of Rights, helped found the University of Virginia.

On a trip to England in 1855, this president turned down an honorary degree from Oxford University, which was written in Latin. He said one shouldn't accept a degree one couldn't read.

Three of our first five presidents died on July 4. This man, our fifth president, died on that date in 1831.

On a trip to England in 1855, this president turned down an honorary degree from Oxford University, which was written in Latin. He said one shouldn't accept a degree one couldn't read.

Under this president, the Mexican War ended with the annexation of California.

Our seventh president was the first to be born in a log cabin, though not the last to make that claim.

As the extremely influential vice president under Andrew Jackson, this eighth president was called the Little Magician.

After giving the longest inaugural address in history (105 minutes), this president caught pneumonia and died exactly one month later.

This president was the only one who was never married. His niece served as White House hostess.

Our 20th president was shot by Charles Guiteau on July 2, 1881, just a few months after he took office in March. He died Sept. 19, the second president to be killed in office.

The initial "B" stands for Birchard in this president's name.

Called "Old Rough and Ready," he had never voted in a presidential election when he ran for the office.

He supported the controversial Kansas-Nebraska Act, which left the question of slavery in those two territories to popular vote.

His given name was Hiram Ulysses, but when he entered West Point in 1839, it was put down as Ulysses Simpson, and he adopted it.

The only president to serve two non-consecutive terms. According to a State Department ruling, he should be

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General Motors will dig out of hole

BY MICHELLE KREBS
SHE'S FREEWHEELING/MOTOR MATTERS

In the late 1980s, when Chrysler was going through another financial crisis, and the future of the company was again in question, the automaker took an unusual move. It invited into its sacred design studios a select group of automotive journalists and analysts to see some of the new models the company was developing. The point was to not only get the nod on the new models from these influential people, but also to convince them that the company, indeed, had a future.

It worked. Chrysler went on to launch its LH cars, including the Chrysler Concorde and Dodge Intrepid. Remember the ads for innovative cab-forward design? The cars won rave reviews from the critics, proved extremely popular with buyers, and the company turned around its fortunes.

The strategy became a textbook study for other companies, and now General Motors has torn a page from that playbook. Bob Lutz, who was then vice chairman of Chrysler, is now vice chairman of product development for GM, and colleague Tom Kowaleski, who headed Chrysler's public relations effort then, is now GM's vice president of communications.

GM recently invited analysts and journalists to have a peek at its show-

SHE'S FREEWHEELING

rooms of the future. On display were a dozen and a half completely new models, a few of which already have been publicly shown, along with examples of interiors and powertrains. The new vehicles will arrive at dealerships within the next 30 months.

While GM won't allow specific vehicles and their features to be revealed in print, some general impressions are permitted. And I came away from my visit with plenty.

For starters, styling is back. Younger car buyers likely don't recall GM was a styling leader, but, in fact, it was with cars like the 1959 Cadillac Eldorado with its exuberant taillights, the classic Roadmaster of the 1940s and the glamorous Chevrolet Corvette of the 1950s.

While you won't see anything as outrageous as the 1959 Eldorado in the GM showroom of the future, you will see attractive designs. I was impressed with some of the broad-based body models, which GM has managed to make look bland, or even homely in some cases, now banished. The next-generation vehicles are beyond attractive, look more expensive than they are and will finally give the competition a challenge.

Further, the various models, though many share underpinnings,

fit their given brand. When you see a Chevy, a Buick, a Cadillac cruising down the highway in the future, you should readily recognize what it is. It won't blend into the landscape with other models on the road, nor will it look like its cousin. Chevy designers have finally established a family look on its cars that works in the way that they long ago did on trucks.

No question Buick and Pontiac will be smaller in terms of the breadth of product. In fact, GM has geared up a strategy whereby Buick, Pontiac and GMC are grouped together in showrooms. Buick and Pontiac will have three or four models each, about half what they have today. But those models, as demonstrated by the ones I saw, will fit the brand and be distinctive in appearance, not just a Chevy with a different grille. The soon-to-go-on-sale Pontiac Solstice roadster hints at Pontiac's future direction while Buick auto show concepts like the Velite and Centieme give a sense of where Buick is headed.

Cadillac has enjoyed a phenomenal turnaround as a result of GM pumping \$4 billion into new models that share a consistent styling and technology theme, dubbed Art & Science. In the first go-round of revamping its product line, Cadillac had a blank sheet to be bold and distinctive. It worked, and there lies the challenge. How does Cadillac re-



THE SOON-TO-GO-ON-SALE Pontiac Solstice roadster hints at Pontiac's future direction.

do its entire line again, making it fresh, but continuing what worked? Having seen a couple of key Cadillac models for the future, it appears they've succeeded.

Saturn sets a new course. Perhaps the most impressive and radical change comes with GM's once-neglected Saturn division. Saturn has long been GM's division described as producing cars for people who really don't care about cars, but want a hassle-free buying experience. Saturn of the future will have vehicles, like the midsize Aura sedan, the Sky roadster and others that can't be named, that buyers will care about and will be proud to own. Saturn could be a killer with the combination of its customer pampering and terrific vehicles.

The real story is inside. GM finally gets it right on interiors and may well leapfrog the competition. The Saturn Aura and Sky, nearing introduction, demonstrated at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit that there indeed was life in GM's interior styling studios. But unique and knockout interiors are not confined to Saturn. Gone are cheap-looking, cookie-cutter interiors. In fact, just as you'll be able to recognize a car from a specific GM brand as belonging to that brand, you'll be able to tell the same on the interior. Sit inside a Chevy of the future, and you'll immediately recognize it as a Chevy because it pays homage to its heritage in a contemporary way.

But the proof is in the pudding. While my visit to GM's future room was impressive, the company still faces huge challenges, a major downsizing to put structure in line with its small volume and market share, to address skyrocketing health and pension costs, which are more than \$5 billion a year, not an easy task as the United Workers union already is, any suggestions to change contract, including non-employees and retirees paying of their health care costs.

GM absolutely must end some promising models. There's no waiting until the this time.

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Quiz

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been elected to either the presidency or the vice presidency.

36. This president was the first to visit all 50 states.

37. His wife's real name was Claudia Alta Taylor, but she was known as Lady Bird.

38. He was sworn into the presidency using his nickname, "Jimmy," instead of his full name, James Earl.

39. This president changed his

last name from Blythe when he was 16 years old.

40. In November 1958 — 22 years before he was elected president — he had a role in an episode of "General Electric Theater" called "Turkey for the President."

41. He lost two bids for a seat in the U.S. Senate — in 1964 and 1970.

42. This president and his father became the second father and son to hold the nation's highest office — preceded only by John Adams and John Quincy Adams.

Please recycle this newspaper.

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320 Caldecott 327 - \$581,500

720 Canyon Oaks C - \$370,000

2876 Carmel St - \$1,041,000

5850 Chabot Ct - \$925,000

48 Conrad Ct - \$850,000

3165 Cuthbert Av - \$425,000

2253 East 15th St - \$50,000

5607 East 17th St - \$445,000

5815 East 17th St - \$522,000

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2121 East 21st St - \$535,000

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8007 Hillside St - \$347,000

9708 Holly St - \$120,000

1218 Holman Rd - \$770,000

4223 Howe St - \$677,000

5926 Johnston Dr - \$775,000

3139 Kingsland Av - \$605,000

1 Lakeside Dr 1010 - \$690,500

1 Lakeside Dr 1108 - \$400,000

1 Lakeside Dr 207 - \$476,000

1 Lakeside Dr 914 - \$581,000

6320 Majestic Av - \$470,000

4298 Maple Av - \$680,000

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3045 Modesto Av - \$392,000

525 Monte Vista 9 - \$560,000

8603 Mountain St - \$400,000

9301 Murillo Av - \$648,000

3271 Nicol Av - \$525,000

6519 Oakwood Dr - \$1,001,000

155 Pearl St 106 - \$271,000

4134 Penniman - \$425,000

3320 Pierson St - \$487,000

6756 Pinehaven Rd - \$959,000

4137 Randolph Av - \$691,000

4121 Rodding St - \$600,000

2825 Regatta Dr - \$561,000

100 Rishel Dr - \$815,000

651 Rosal Av - \$760,000

3429 Salisbury St - \$500,000

6866 Saroni Dr - \$865,000

8247 Skyline Cr - \$980,000

109 Starview Ct - \$975,000

11445 Sun Valley - \$840,000

8118 Sunkist Dr - \$575,000

6345 Swainland - \$1,500,000

4236 Terrace St - \$810,000

5333 Thomas Av - \$750,000

756 Trestle Glen Rd - \$875,000

1624 Tucker St - \$482,000

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7 Veteran Wy - \$655,000

5780 Vicente St - \$615,000

4417 Virginia Av - \$470,000

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361 South 20th St - \$415,000

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16111 Via Chiquita - \$656,000

17239 Via Chiquita - \$457,500

17365 Via Del Rey - \$531,000

904 Via Enrico - \$525,000

796 Via Mariposa - \$513,000

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When towing a car with an RV, the dinghy is worth a try

BY JEFF JOHNSTON

MOTOR MATTERS

It's a big decision for some RVers: Drive a truck and tow a trailer, or drive a motorhome and tow a small car, also known as a dinghy vehicle. Both routes result in an RV that stays in camp and a smaller vehicle that's available for local errands and the like.

Those who choose the motorhome-and-dinghy setup enjoy the traveling comforts of home on the road and camped, plus the advantage of an economical small vehicle for local transportation.

Most RVers want to tow their dinghy vehicles on all four wheels, using a simple towbar setup. This is called towing "four down" and it involves less hardware and hassle than towing with a two-wheel dolly or a car trailer.

ROLLING HOMES

The ability to be towed four down is what makes certain small autos, vans, SUVs and pickups, collectively known as dinghy cars, so valuable to motorhome owners.

On the downside, a motorhome and dinghy combination towing four down can't be backed up, due to the geometry of the towed car's steering axle. That calls for some careful planning for fuel stops and the like. It is necessary to look for places that allow driving in and out just by moving forward. This small inconvenience is accepted as worth the risk for those who choose to dinghy tow.

In the old days, a towbar was a big, heavy steel A-frame device that took some finesse to install and hook

up. It also was a pain to store when not in use. Aluminum and other lightweight materials in use today have seriously reduced the heavy aspect, and most of today's bars are collapsible for storage. It's that collapsing design that helps today's modern towbars make the job of hooking up or unhooking a dinghy much easier. Latches on the arms allow the arms to retract and extend independently, which means the tow car can be aligned much less precisely for hookup because the towbar arms then extend to meet the hitch and lock into place once attached.

Most towbar hardware can be removed with quick-release fittings so the dinghy car is not uglified-up with a bunch of extra parts when not needed.

RoadMaster (www.roadmaster-inc.com, 800-669-9690) is one of the

towbar manufacturers offering a variety of towbar options and accessories. The company's All Terrain bar features a new non-binding, easy-release system, called the Freedom Latch, that requires minimal effort to activate. That feature makes it possible for the All Terrain bar to be unlatched regardless of how level the parking spot is, or how uneven the terrain.

Every year, in the January issue, MotorHome magazine (www.motorhomemagazine.com, 805-667-4100) publishes a guide to dinghy-towable vehicles. The guide refers strictly to the crop of current-model-year vehicles. The rules can change from year to year with a given company as its product hardware changes, so it's best not to "reverse engineer" an older dinghy-approved vehicle based on the new

model charts.

To be towable without modification, the dinghy must have a transmission, or transfer case, that can be shifted to neutral for towing. It must also have internal gearbox lubrication that circulates when the driveline is moving the transmission gears, but not the engine. Many manual-transmission cars are thus towable, and a few automatic-equipped rigs can likewise be towed four down. The car owner's manual, or the MotorHome magazine guide, can tell you which rigs are towable.

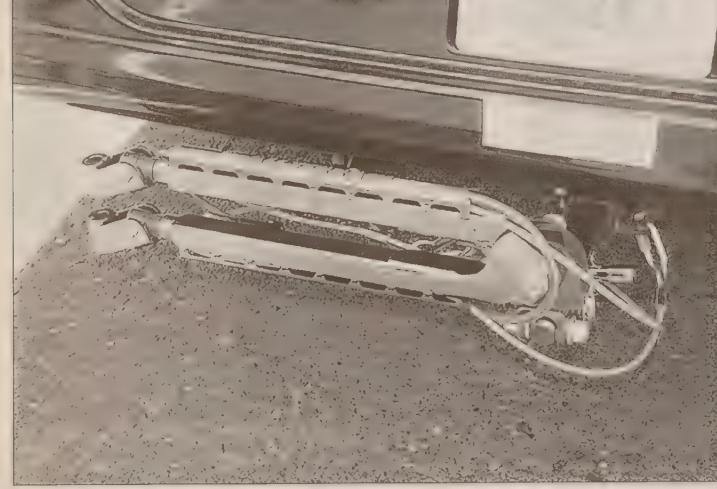
If the age of a car and its towability are in question, MotorHome has back-issue dinghy towing guide copies available at a reasonable price. If the back issue is available for the year of vehicle in consideration it can answer questions on towability.

Safety is all-important when

dinghy-towing. Each bar manufacturer also sells complete emergency hardware, an absolute must when towing, and some means of activating brake, turn signal and running lights on the dinghy. Some removable auxiliary lights will fit the motorhome, others will be wiring connected directly to dinghy's lights for a clean, lit-up appearance.

There are also a variety of market brake systems available for activating the dinghy's brakes. The motorhome is braking, systems are required in some states such as Canada, and local laws are looking closer at such terms in the states. It's a good idea to check with the local DOT on dinghy towing will occur.

A dinghy may be a best-easy accessory investment.



A DINGHY-TOWED VEHICLE ADDS versatility and fun to an RV adventure. Many new-model cars, SUVs and small trucks can be successfully towed four-down behind a motorhome.

The car is for kids, but gramps is driving it, too

BY GEORGE P. BLUMBERG

NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

The next time traffic snaps to a halt in a speckle of brake lights, glance around. There's a good chance you'll see one of those cool hipster-mobiles — the coupes with erector-set spoilers, the hatchbacks in emphatic colors, the boxy wagons that seem more square than a 1950s sitcom.

These sorts of trendy cars, like the Toyota Matrix, the Honda Element and three varieties of Toyota's Scions, were designed and marketed expressly for 20-somethings. But the people at the wheel often look more like Ozzie and Harriet than like the serially pierced offspring of Ozzy Osbourne.

For a variety of reasons, manufacturers of youth-oriented cars are missing their targets. "The original anticipated median age of the Matrix driver was 28.8, but it's actually 42.7," said Art Spinella, president of CNW Marketing Research, a consulting firm in Bandon, Ore., that tracks auto industry trends. "And Element drivers are at 44.7 instead of the anticipated 28.6."

Graying baby boomers have co-opted many of the vehicles intended for buff young people. The median age of those driving the Pontiac Vibe, a small wagon similar to the Matrix, is 48.2; CNW says the anticipated age had been 30.2. The median of actual Dodge Neon drivers is 39.2, compared with the expected 22.7.

CNW calculates the anticipated age of drivers based on manufacturers' demographic projections, analysis of prices and market segments and other information. Data on drivers is considered more relevant than that on purchasers, because parents often buy children the cars they demand, skewing the demographic profiles.

Automakers would love to get the business of Generation Y, but this tribe — loosely defined as the 70 million Americans born from 1977 to 1995 — has proved elusive. While companies exhaustively research Gen Y's tastes and desires, they have run up against an obstacle: Relatively few can yet afford new cars.

"The boomers have the money," Spinella said. "The 50-plus group is responsible for 50 percent of sales, and that grows to 54 percent in 2010." In that same period, he said, the 15-29 age group will never account for more than 9 percent of sales.

After that, the aging Generation Y will make its presence felt. By 2020, these Americans are expected to buy more than 6 million new vehicles a year. As they grow older and richer they are likely to mirror, to some extent, the boomers who came before.

Therefore, carmakers are concerned with more than selling cheap econoboxes to Gen Y today. The companies hope to draw in young customers gradually, cultivate their loyalty and sell them fancier cars later.

Even the best-researched plans can have unintended consequences, as Honda found. "We pitched the Element to 18- to 25-year-old males as a big box which could be like a rolling dorm room, and hold their stuff," said Andy Boyd, a company spokesman.

But the Element's quirkiness — with its wide-open interior space and rubber floor — appeals as much to older hobbyists, families and businesses, who like the utility and the fact that the vehicle can be hosed out.

Bob Van Almkerk, a sales manager at Brandon Honda in Branford, Conn., says he sells Elements to boomers and empty nesters. "I'm thinking our customer base is age 35 to 70," he said. "A fully optioned model runs about \$22,000. How can an unemployed college kid afford that?"

After Toyota tried and largely failed to sell Echoes and Matrixes to young people, the company set up Scion as a separate brand with unconventional marketing methods. (For instance, custom versions of the cars are parked near hip night spots, so young people "discover" them on their own.) Toyota also wants to lower the median age of its buyers, which a spokeswoman, Ming-Jou Chen, said was close to 50.

The Matrix wagon and Echo subcompact were influenced by a Toyota program called Genesis, an attempt to research the desires of young people. Yet young people began calling the Echo the "Yucko," be-

cause of its frumpy styling and bare interior. Older people liked the frugal, upright car for another reason: It was easy to get in and out.

"We learned a lot" from Genesis, said Brian Bolain, Scion's national sales promotion manager. He said the Echo was seen as "too mainstream" because of its Toyota badge, and "we still got older Toyota buyers."

Andy Turton of TNS, a market research firm that studies the buying patterns of teenagers, said 16- to 19-year-olds did not aspire to Toyota the way they dreamed of getting a Honda or a Volkswagen. "It's not about practicality," he said of the reasons young people like particular brands. "Teens see the car as an extension of themselves."

Each year, Spinella at CNW compiles the Stodgy Index, based on surveys in which young people rate the appeal of car and truck brands. Toyota comes off with a lackluster image, but Scion scored at the top. Turton said his annual study indicated that more than 30 percent of teenagers were aware of Scion, "pretty good for this short time and with such narrow marketing."

More than 160,000 Scions found buyers between June 2003, when the division started selling cars, and the end of May. Jim Farley, the Toyota vice president for Scion, said buyers of the xA hatchback and xB wagon had a median age in the mid-to-high 30s, while the median for the newer tC coupe was in the mid-to-late 20s. He said 85 percent of Scion customers were new to Toyota, 52 percent were men (versus 60

percent women for the segment), 25 percent had co-signers, and 66 percent financed their cars on the Internet.

Still, Brian Weinberg, general manager of Grossinger City Toyota in Chicago, his average Scion buyer was 37 years old.

And 160,000 customers do not a sufficient brand make. "Right now, there aren't enough Gen Yers in the market for Scion to have an average age in the Farley of Scion said. He said the age of an average owner could creep up as older buyers discovered the cars.

"Looking back, I'd say we should have said we're targeting trend-setters over not just youth," he said. Mr. Farley agreed that getting new buyers into Scion was half the job: "We need exciting products to move to," once they are ready to buy a more expensive car. "It won't happen said, "with today's Camrys and Availables."

Will carmakers continue to be surprised that the youngsters they sell are not buying their cars? "Half my friends are into cars and the other half just aren't car buyers," said P.J. McCombs, a 21-year-old musician who has gained fame for the car reviews he posts on [opinions.com](http://www.opinions.com). "But being into cars mean a 20-year-old Camaro," he said.

McCombs, who recently graduated from the University of California, Davis, said interview that he had noticed a great number of Scions on campus, though cars from the 1990s remained most popular. "Ten-year-old Eclipses and Civics are over," he said.

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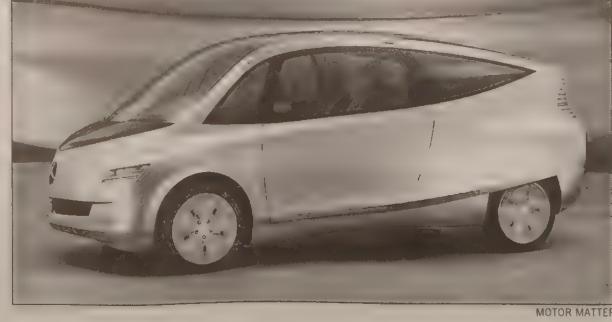
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etc. Art Nouveau: sofa, chair, etc.
sets, chests of drawers, sideboards, and
chests. 1890's American Empire bed,
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parker, Persian carpet, etc. Rocker, chair,
mirrors, 100 stained glass
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945 BENTON ST
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old clothes, old
cheap prices!!

NO YARD SALE
TUESDAY 7/8-9
945 BENTON ST
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BLOCK SALE
132 BUENA VISTA
7/8-7/9 8am-5:30pm
Several items, books,
appls., comp.,
etc. Books, Marlin
bound copies, lots
of misc.

BOOK SALE
144 PAGE ST.
SAT/ SUN 9-4
100 MULTILEVEL
o books, cook
books, library &
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lots of misc.

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Is there anyone out
there who's ac-
ticed on 6/12, 5-6pm
Gam w/a silver 2003
1200 Satur at 1680 &
242 16th St. San Fran
675-9801 or Officer
Murphy, 925-646-4980

Found

BACKPACK Girls' Paige'
Pink, white, black
Ct. W. 925-943-7623

CAT Young tabby,
blk/sep/tan, tiger
face, fluffy tail
Ct. W. 925-605-0077

COCKTAIL found on
6/26 in Brentwood
Call to id 925-516-1328

DOG 7/4, large black
male, blk mix? Brent-
wood. ID 925-209-4081

DOG Black Corgi Span-
iel, 1st, 6/20, 5-6pm
dr. dr. 925-511-1189

DOG Brentwood, 6/28.
Male Irish Setter/Rott-
weiler mix. 925-634-5292

DOG Choc. Lab., older
male, Claycord Ave.,
Concord. 925-687-3292

DOG-Lg. Brentwood,
7/2/05, 5-6pm
Joyce 925-679-0667

DOG Pitbull/Lab. fem.,
about 7 yrs, blk
w/white feet.
Antioch. 925-755-1064

DOG Small white, Clay-
ton & Bailey, Concord.
925-787-3821

FOUND on 7/3 BLUE &
White dog, female, At
San Miguel & French
Concord. 925-682-1644

JACK RUSSELL older,
Iron Horse trail by Cal
High. ID 925-633-1860

Lost

CAT "Casey," Lost
6/26 in the Family
area, Orange, declawed,
male very friendly.
925-245-1430

CAT June 26, Buff color
female. Andrews Dr. Concord.
925-444-2627

CHOW Mix, Fem, red,
medium size, approx 10
tall w/wht on top
lost 7/3, Bridgehead
Rd. 925-679-0667
Harley Davidson
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COCKATIL Lost 7/4,
Livermore, Rhea Way
off Concaron. \$50
REWARD. 925-444-2627

COCKATIL Spred. Shag
"Duke" Large White
w/bk. spot sable & bk/
brn face mask, July
4th, 6/20, 5-6pm, Sundale.
925-330-4901

DOG, brown chihuahua
male, lost 7/3-7/5.
Alamo. 925-638-9244

DOG Cockapoo Mix
male, 14yrs, tan/wh/
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DOG Female Pug, Blk,
W/white, 10 mos, 1st
sues. Carols@Apache
co. 6/19. 925-708-3539

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Oakley 925-679-9000

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grey, 10 mos, 1st
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DOG Tan shep, m/k, 11
yr, male, "Odie," shy,
Oakland. 510-530-4966

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PEKINGESE, 14 yr, male
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surge, 6/20, 5-6pm,
Amy 510-208-3531

PIT BULL Fem, 60-65#
Whi w/brn markings.
Bro spot over left eye.
Antioch. FOUND

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POODLE sm blk/grey
Male 7/4 Marsh Creek
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COCKTAIL found on
6/26 in Brentwood
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DOG 7/4, large black
male, blk mix? Brent-
wood. ID 925-209-4081

DOG Black Corgi Span-
iel, 1st, 6/20, 5-6pm
dr. dr. 925-511-1189

DOG Brentwood, 6/28.
Male Irish Setter/Rott-
weiler mix. 925-634-5292

DOG Choc. Lab., older
male, Claycord Ave.,
Concord. 925-687-3292

DOG-Lg. Brentwood,
7/2/05, 5-6pm
Joyce 925-679-0667

DOG Pitbull/Lab. fem.,
about 7 yrs, blk
w/white feet.
Antioch. 925-755-1064

DOG Small white, Clay-
ton & Bailey, Concord.
925-787-3821

FOUND on 7/3 BLUE &
WHITE dog, female, At
San Miguel & French
Concord. 925-682-1644

JACK RUSSELL older,
Iron Horse trail by Cal
High. ID 925-633-1860

Lost

CAT "Casey," Lost
6/26 in the Family
area, Orange, declawed,
male very friendly.
925-245-1430

CAT June 26, Buff color
female. Andrews Dr. Concord.
925-444-2627

CHOW Mix, Fem, red,
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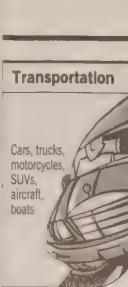
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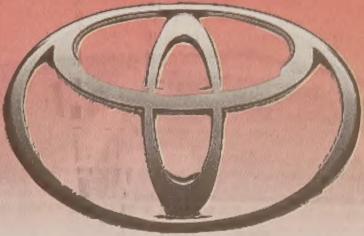
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